

"THE RECKONING OF A CHRISTIAN"

ROMANS 8:18

I. IN THE SECOND SECTION OF ROMANS EIGHT, PAUL EMPHASIZES SIX TOPICS OR CONSIDERATIONS TO ENCOURAGE BELIEVERS WHO ARE ON THE PATH FROM SUFFERING TO GLORY (8:18-30)

- A. Consideration # 1: The Reckoning Of A Christian (8:18)
- B. Consideration #2: The Creation's Waiting (8:19-22)
- C. Consideration #3: The Believer's Waiting (8:23-25)
- D. Consideration #4: The Spirit's Helping (8:26-27)
- E. Consideration #5: The Circumstances Of Life (8:28)
- F. Consideration #6: The Predestination Of God (8:29-30)

II. THE FIRST ITEM UP FOR CONSIDERATION IS THE DELIBERATE MENTAL CALCULATIONS A BELIEVER MUST MAKE BETWEEN HIS PRESENT SITUATION AND ETERNITY (8:18)

- A. These Present Sufferings (8:18a)
 - 1. The Pain Associated With Indwelling Sin
 - 2. The Persecutions Of An Hostile World
 - 3. The Problems Associated With A Rapidly Decaying Body
- B. The Glory To Be Revealed In Us (8:18b)
 - 1. The Events Of The Present Cannot Even Begin To Balance The Scale When Compared To The Weight Of What Awaits Us In Eternity
 - 2. The Internal Reality Of Being Conformed Totally To The Image Of Christ Is At The Heart Of Glorification
 - 3. The Process Is Going On Right Now