

You Are Faithful

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GROANING FOR A CHANGE

Groan: to utter a deep moan indicative of pain, grief, or annoyance.

1. **The Whole Creation is** _____ **?**

“We know that the whole creation has been groaning...” **Romans 8:22 NIV**

What does this tell me about God?

a. _____

“God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good...” **Genesis 1:31 CEB**

“The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?!” **Genesis 3:13 CEB**

b. _____

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.” **Romans 8:18 NIV**

“Look, I will make new heavens and a new earth. And people will not remember the past. They will not think about those things.” **Isaiah 65:17 NIV**

2. _____ **for**
Change to Come.

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What can this tell me about myself?

a. If I’m in a right relationship with God then ...

We ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly... **Romans 8:23**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! **2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV**

b. If I’m in a right relationship with God then ...

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.” **Romans 8:24-25 NIV**

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me” **Psalms 23:4 NASB**

For God sometimes uses sorrow in our lives to help us turn away from sin and seek eternal life. **2 Corinthians 7:10 TLB**

KNOW THIS: _____

c. _____

“At that time you were without Christ. You were aliens rather than citizens of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of God’s promise. In this world you had no hope and no God. But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” **Ephesians 2:12-13 CEB**

For in this hope we were saved ... **Romans 8:24a NIV**

How Do I Get Right With God and Live In His Hope, Grace, & Faithfulness?

“When the crowd heard this, they were deeply troubled. They said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter replied, “Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites.” **Acts 2:37-39 CEB**