

Series: Seeing **how** Jesus is your salvation will stir your love for him.

GROAN IN GRACE FOR THE GLORY THAT BRINGS FRUSTRATION TO AN END.

ONE: **Everybody's frustrated—for good reason!**  
8.19-22

Romans

TWO: **Jesus' adopted brothers and sisters are to be the most frustrated, most hopeful folks on earth.** Romans 8.14-18, 23-25

Our desire & rebellion the ground of the frustration

Adoption papers filed, but waiting on final judgment...

Alive in the Spirit but with unredeemed bodies...

Inheritance promised but only holding the down payment...

Born again to a new life that can never be satisfied with first-creation life...

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1. Genesis 1 declares God's making not only the places for sun, moon, birds fish, etc., to carry out their tasks, but also making a place (Gen 1.26-2.25) just right for man, his crowning creation, to do his job (to multiply and bless the earth, worshipping and bearing God's image). How did humankind frustrate God's purpose, and how does God's judgment frustrate man's desire to walk on the earth apart from walking with God? See Gen 3.13ff., Ecclesiastes 2.12-19, Romans 1.18ff. & Romans 8.19-22?
2. **Make it personal**: how does God's frustrating his creation add to your often feeling unfruitful, unsuccessful, unaccepted and unloved?
3. **Apply the Gospel**: how does seeing our in-Christ acceptance, adoption as sons and daughters, and future inheritance move us to greater hope and to patient endurance?
4. **Groaning well**: How can you better apply these truths so you don't groan in disgrace, but grow and groan in grace?
5. Why is it true that ObamaCare's failing to pass in Congress will not fix the system? ...or that ObamaCare's passage and becoming law will not thwart the kingdom of God's Christ, our Lord? Apply the truths from Romans 8.
6. **Bonus question**: How did God take our frustrating of Jesus' life (cutting it short in years) and turn it into such great glory and fruitfulness?