**Romans 8 12-25**

Heirs with Christ

**12**So then, brothers,[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8&version=ESV#fen-ESV-28113e)] we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13**For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14**For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8&version=ESV#fen-ESV-28115f)] of God. **15**For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” **16**The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17**and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Future Glory

**18**For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. **19**For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. **20**For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope **21**that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. **22**For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. **23**And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. **24**For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? **25**But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**Matt 13**

The Parable of the Weeds

**24**He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, **25**but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+13&version=ESV#fen-ESV-23564c)] among the wheat and went away. **26**So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. **27**And the servants[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+13&version=ESV#fen-ESV-23566d)] of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ **28**He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ **29**But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. **30**Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”