

EAGERLY WAITING

Rom.8:18-23

Intro – All of God's creation awaits the day everything will be made good again. Gen.1:31, Rev.21:1

I. It will be worth it all.

- A. We will suffer here on earth. 2Tim.3:12
- B. Our trials prepare us for heaven. 2 Cor.4:17
- C. Our suffering means we will be exulted. Col.3:4, 1Pet.4:12-14
- D. That's why we can rejoice. James 1:2, 1Pet.1:6-7, 1Cor.3:13-15

II. Creation waits for the Lord's return.

- A. Creation knows there will be a new day. 2Pet.3:13, Rev.21:1
- B. Death will no longer occur. (21) Gen.3:17

III. We wait for that day also. Rev.21:3-4

- A. The day we receive our new eternal bodies. 1Cor.15:51-54, 1Thess.4:16-17, John 14:3, Phil 3:20-21, 1John 3:2
- B. The earth will have to wait until after the millennium. Rev.21:1
- C. Are you eagerly waiting for the Lord's return. 2Tim.4:8, Rom.8:11

Con. It really will be worth it all when we get to heaven.