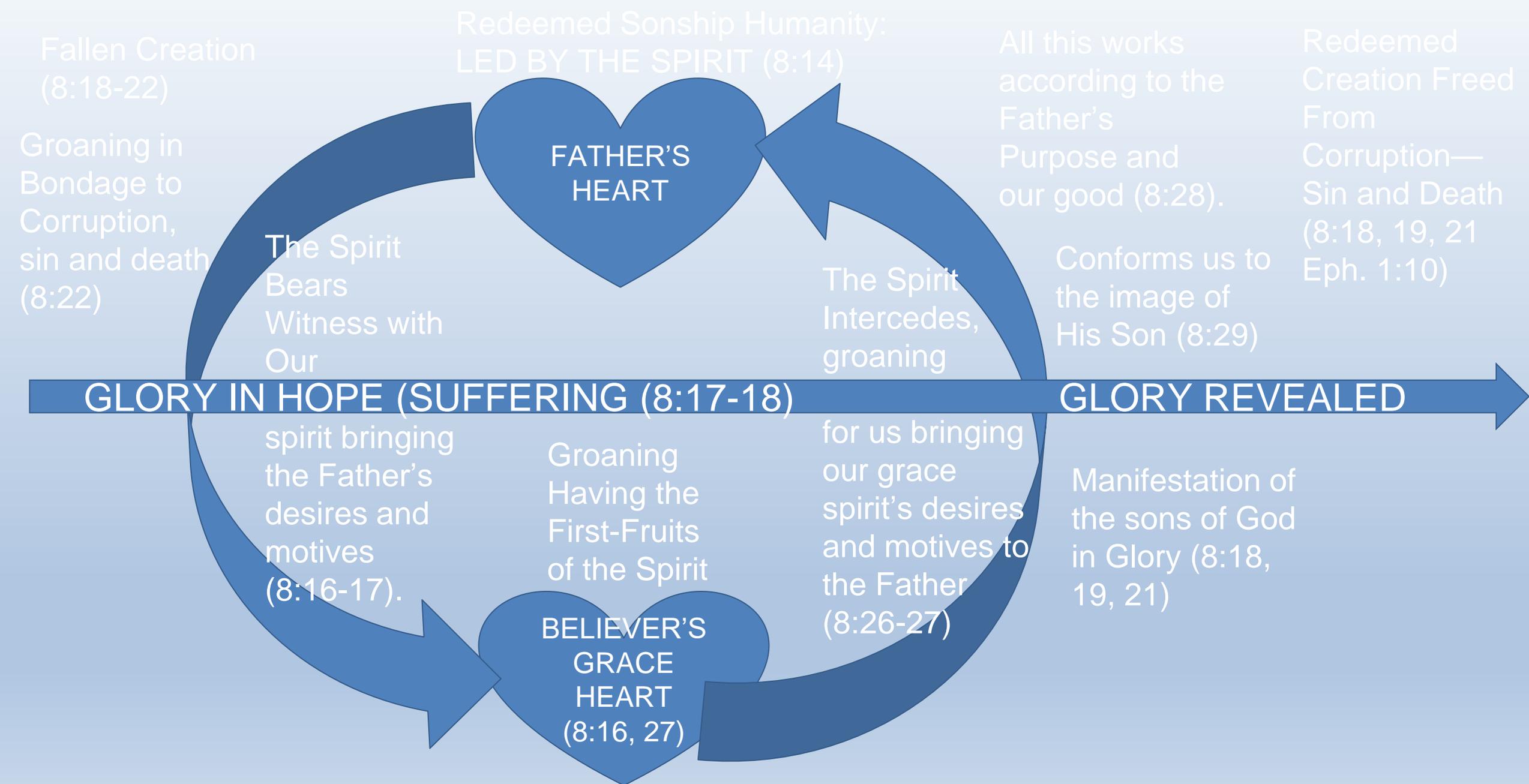


THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY

Rom. 8:26-28

Pt. 16

THE FATHER'S ETERNAL PURPOSE FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST (8:28)



1. By the time we get through the Rom. 1-8 and Eph. 1-3, the foundation for what God is doing today has been laid. He has made known what is important to Him.

--What are we going to do about it?

2. Prayer is simply the believer's thankful communion with God about all that He has accomplished through His Son on the Cross as supernaturally revealed in Scripture by the Holy Spirit, especially Paul's Epistles.

3. The corollary of this is that if we don't really care about God's things, and only care about our own things, then we will not be engaging in grace prayer.

4. Pauline Grace prayer, like every other aspect of Christian life, must be produced by the Spirit because He is the one who gives us the things of the Father that result in the wisdom, motivation and power for making decisions in our daily lives.

5. The Spirit's role is to reveal, teach and empower. The believer's role is to believe, reckon and present our bodies as instruments God through which He can work righteousness, especially in the assembly of believers and also in the world (Rom. 6:1-14)

6. There are two choices we can make when it comes to every aspect of our Christian lives, including prayer:
 - a. Rom. 1:1-17—The Pattern of Paul and His ministry:
Embracing God’s truth in faith about His purpose for today that leads to Righteousness and Life (Rom. 6 and 8)—This is the mind of the Spirit that produces the walk that is according to the Spirit, which always pleases God (Rom. 8:1-11).
 - b. Rom. 1:18-32—The Pattern of Fallen Humanity: They threw away God’s truth and replaced it with their own things (idolatry) unto sin and death (Rom. 6; 8:1-13) —This is the mind of the flesh that produces the walk that is according to the flesh, which can never please God (8:7-8).

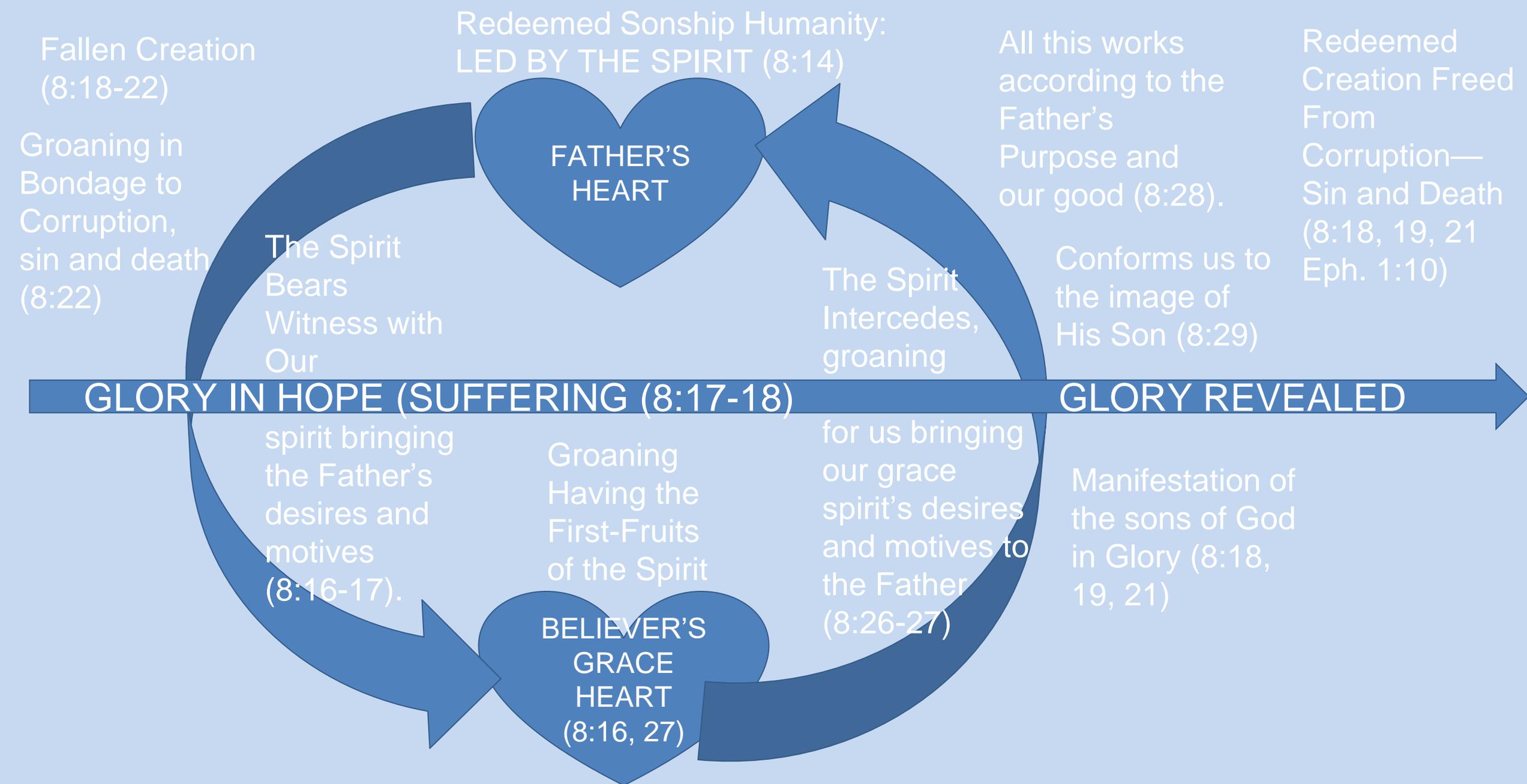
7. In order to conform us to the image of His Son (8:29), it was necessary for the Father's glorified adult sons and daughters to first experience that glory hidden under the cover of suffering, tribulations, and weaknesses (together with Christ), so that we can later experience the manifestation of that glory (together with Christ) (Rom. 8:17, 30).

8. Today, our sonship ministry occurs within the gaps:
 - a. We know God's ultimate purpose for creation, yet we see how far away it is from that purpose, and we watch it groan, longing for the gap to be closed at the manifestation of the sons and daughters of God (Rom. 8:18-22).

b. We know God's ultimate purpose for believers today in the Body of Christ, yet we see how far we are from that ultimate purpose and we groan, longing for the closing of that gap through bodily resurrection when the sons of God will be manifested (8:23-25).

c. The Holy Spirit knows the perfect and complete "in Christ" position believers have before their Father, yet He sees how far they are from fully enjoying that position, and He groans, longing to bring the believer more and more into their experience of the fullness of their position in Christ (8:26-28).

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9. Rom. 1:3-17

Paul, who followed the lead of the Spirit, allowing Him to bear witness with his spirit, stamping him with Grace Truths made available through his distinct apostleship, and overflowing his heart with Agape Love, knew God's plan for the Romans. But he recognized that while they were doing well, there was still a gap between where they were at in their experience and all that God had for them. As he groaned, communing with God about this, it brought about a longing that generated a request that God might use him to narrow and close this gap.

10. Phil. 4:8-9: No, they are the things we have learned and received, heard and seen in Paul—Pauline Grace Truth—the form of doctrine believers today have been handed over to.

11.WHEN YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS, YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN GRACE PRAYER!

12.We don't need a special code to enter prayer. We don't need a combination to unlock the safe of prayer. We don't need to figure out the right buttons to press in prayer to get God to do what you want...We just need the Spirit, who stamps us into the form of Pauline Grace, through which He overflows our hearts with Agape Love.

If you are responding positively to God's truth for today, the Pauline Grace Teachings to which we have been handed over, your attention will be directed to Christ and His Cross, which provides the Agape Love that the Holy Spirit uses to create a new heart, which provides a place for the whole Triune Godhead to dwell and work When that is going on:

YOU ARE ENGAGING IN UNCEASING SPIRITUAL PRAYER THAT EMPOWERS YOU TO MINISTER GOD'S GRACE AND PEACE IN THE MIDST OF TRIBULATIONS!