

It's Time!

Romans 8:18-21 – *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits 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 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

- **“earnest expectation”** – The prefix APO suggests "abstraction and absorption" (Lightfoot), i.e., abstraction from anything else that might engage the attention, and absorption in the object expected "till the fulfillment is realized" (Alford).
- **“eagerly waits”** – patient, methodical and very persistent.
- **“revealing”** – used of events by which things or states or persons hitherto withdrawn from view are made visible to all.
- **“sons of God”** – those who revere God as their father, who in character and life resemble God, are governed by the Spirit of God, and repose the same calm and joyful trust in God which children do in their parents. [Strong's]
- **Phillip's:** *The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own.*

I John 3:1-3 – *Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

I John 4:17 – *Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.*

II Corinthians 4:16 – *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.*

Romans 8:18-21 Phillip's – In my opinion whatever we may have to go through now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future God has planned for us. **The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own.** The world of creation cannot as yet see reality, not because it chooses to be blind, but because in God's purpose it has been so limited—yet it has been given hope. And the hope is that in the end the whole of created life will be rescued from the tyranny of change and decay, and have its share in that magnificent liberty which can only belong to the children of God!

What characteristics should we be revealing?

Ephesians 5:1 [AMP] – *Therefore be imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].*