Heaven, Hell and the Christian Hope

we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:2

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:18

For in this hope we were saved... we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:24-25



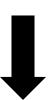
Resurrection and the Redemption of Creation



the big picture



creationHeavens &
Earth



Christ crucifixion resurrection



new creation New Heavens &Earth



Corruption curse

redemption (phase 1)

redemption (phase 2) resurrection restoration consummation For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth

Isaiah 65:17

Isaiah 66:22

2 Peter 3:13

Revelation 22:1

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creation longing



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For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

Romans 8:22



creation corrupted



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Romans 8:19-21



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creation hoping



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creation delivered



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Romans 8:19-21



our bodies redeemed



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**.

Romans 8:23



all things restored



Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord

Acts 3:19-21



and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Acts 3:19-21



new heavens and earth



that the **heavens** existed long ago, and **the earth** was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and **perished**.

2 Peter 3:5-7



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But by the same word **the heavens** and **earth** that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and **destruction** of the ungodly.

2 Peter 3:5-7



But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

2 Peter 3:10

...the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

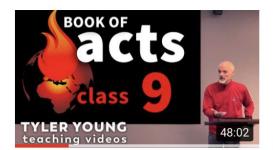
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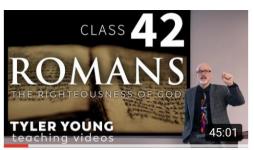
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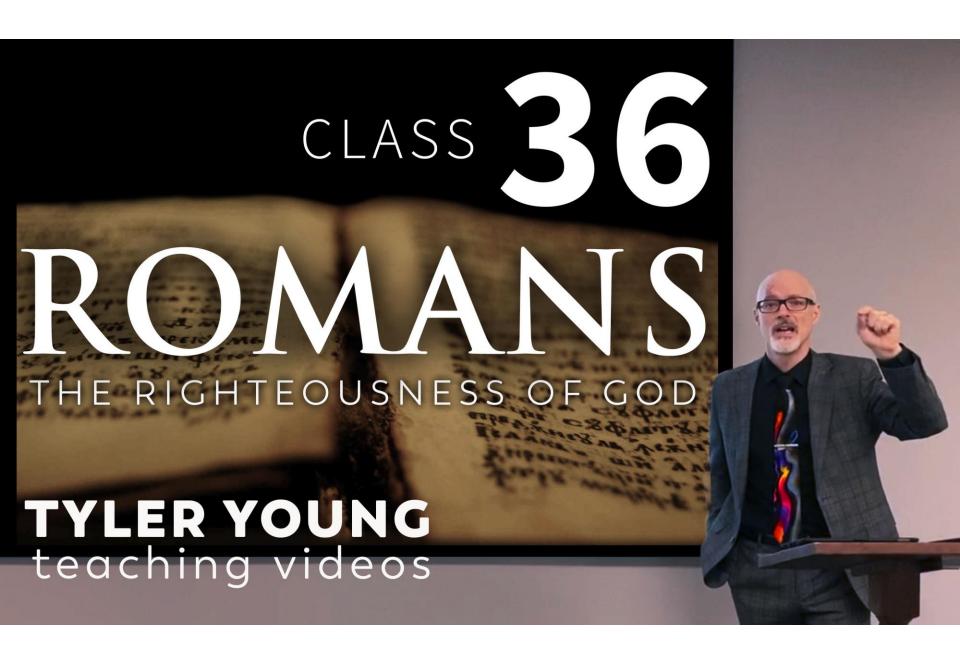
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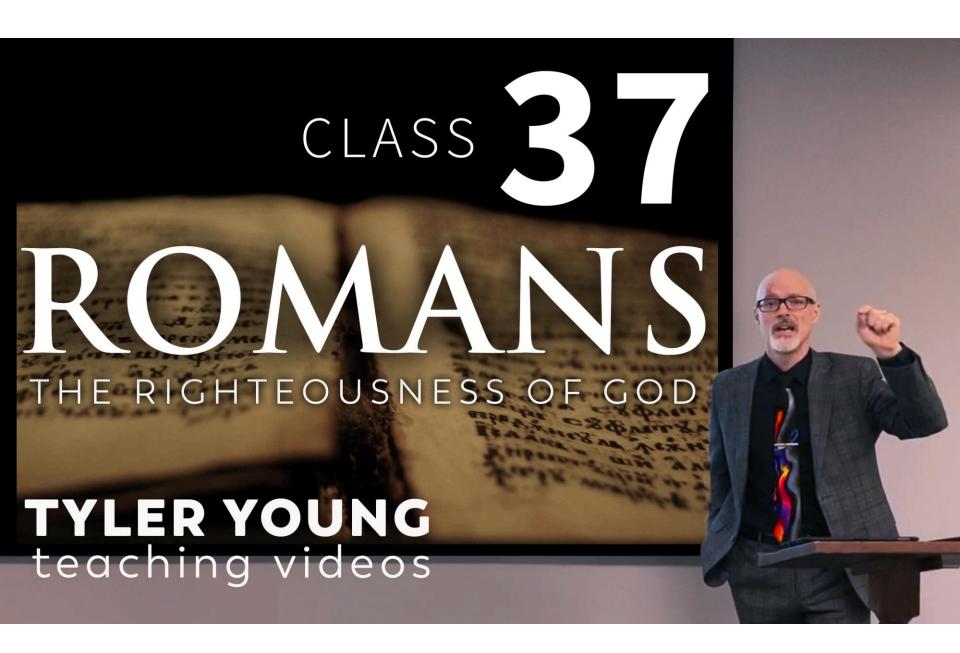


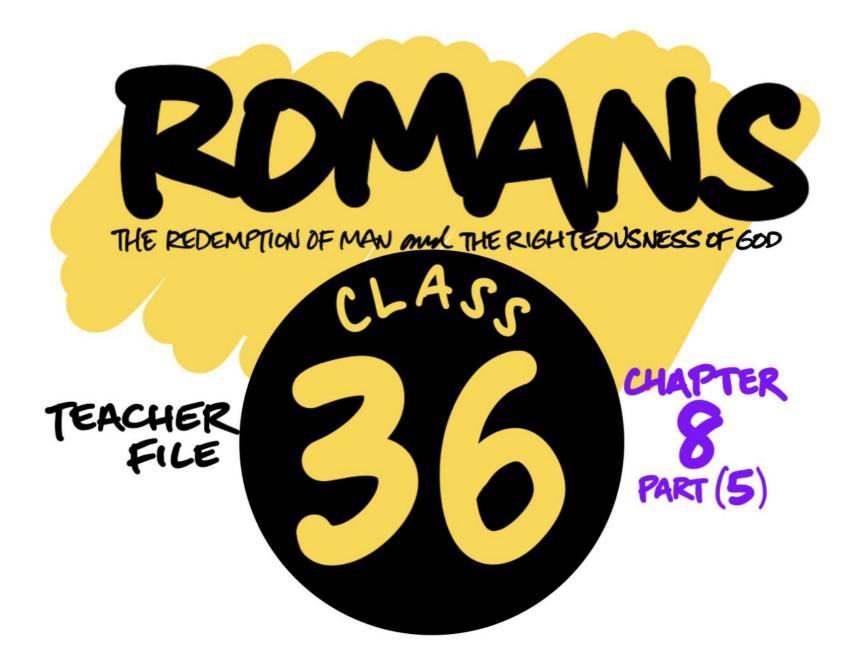
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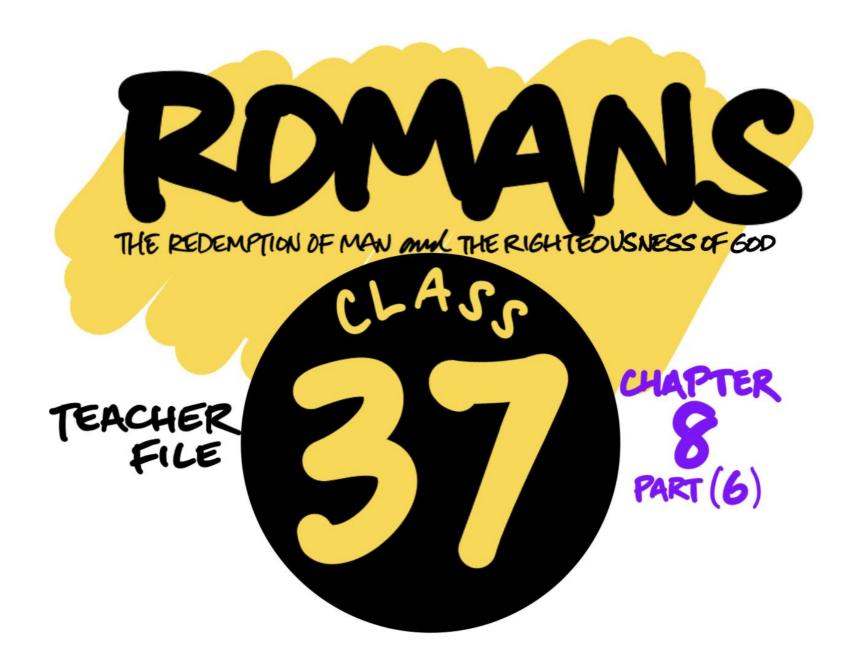


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the "end" of the story



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The heaven and earth as currently constructed will "pass away"

Revelation 21:1-4

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man."

Revelation 21:1-4

He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.



this is life-changing!



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