

The Church: The Window of Hope

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Sermon Scripture: Romans 8:18-25

Old Norse (Scandinavia) Window= **"Vindauga"** (pronounced wind-ow-ga). It literally means: _____

- i. The "Eye": _____
- ii. The "Wind": _____

The secret of a perfect window: _____

When a window becomes a wall, the people inside lose their vision, and the people outside lose their hope.

Am I a window, or am I just another wall?

1. SIDE _____ OF THE WALL

Verse 20–22 (NIV): "For the CREATION was SUBJECTED to FRUSTRATION... in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its BONDAGE TO DECAY... We know that the whole creation has been GROANING as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time."

Three words that describe this wall: _____;
_____; _____.

The Side A of the wall that Paul is describing is the true state of our world.

Verse 22: "The WHOLE CREATION has been groaning..." Paul wants us to understand that this is a whole creation catastrophe-physical, social, intellectual and spiritual (Luke 2:52)

- i. The State of our Minds: _____
- ii. The State of our Physicality: _____
- iii. The State of our Social Life: _____
- iv. The State of our Spirituality: _____

2. SIDE _____ OF THE WALL

While Side A of the Wall is _____, Side B is the world as _____.

Verse 18: "I consider that our PRESENT SUFFERINGS – {everything we just described on Side A} - ARE NOT WORTH COMPARING WITH THE GLORY THAT WILL BE REVEALED."

- i. Side B Mentality: _____
- ii. Side B Physicality: _____

- iii. **Side B Social Life:** _____
- iv. **Side B Spirituality:** _____

The problem is that the world is stuck on Side A of the wall, gasping for air, and they cannot see the glory of Side B of the Wall.

3. THE CHURCH: The _____

We have seen the _____ of Side A of the wall, and we have glimpsed at the _____ of Side B of the wall. But there is a big problem: _____.

THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

Verse 19: *“For the CREATION WAITS IN EAGER EXPECTATION for THE CHILDREN OF GOD to be REVEALED.”*

The Church is called to be the _____ by the blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

How do we become this window? How do we “reveal” ourselves to a groaning world?

John 14:21 (NIV) – *“Whoever HAS MY COMMANDS AND KEEPS THEM IS THE ONE WHO LOVES ME. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and SHOW MYSELF TO THEM.”*

We REVEAL OURSELVES by opening the window through _____ in those same four areas of Luke 2:52:

- i. **Revealing WISDOM:** _____
- ii. **Revealing PHYSICALITY:** _____
- iii. **Revealing SOCIAL LIFE:** _____
- iv. **Revealing SPIRITUALITY:** _____

A window is only useful if it is _____.

Let us be the Window of Hope so that the Wind of heaven can always blow through Karura, through Membley, through us as a church and to every corner of our nation.

MEMORY VERSE

We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”

2nd Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)



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