

New Testament Exegesis:

Assignment: Tell all you know.....in connexion with this assignment in Romans 8:18-30

1. Carefully translate the passage.
2. The heart of exegesis is to give meaning. In the light of your translation, carefully interpret vss 19-21 being sure to explain the following items which are taken from the KJV reading:
 - "earnest expectation"
 - "creature"
 - "manifestation"
 - "sons of God"
 - "subject to vanity"
 - "not willingly"
 - "by reason of him"
 - "bondage of corruption"
 - "glorious liberty of the children of God"
3. On the strength of these verses, offer short answers to these questions:
 - a. in the light of these three verses, how does one account for the fall?
 - b. then, without the fall, could the fullest possible existence ever have been realized by man?
 - c. and, if someone says: "God purposed the fall", what do you say?
4. Be sure to explain on the following verses what is meant by:
 - a. "the firstfruits of the Spirit", v. 23
 - b. how we are saved by hope, v. 24
 - c. what is the antecedent of "and he" v. 27
 - d. what are the unutterable groanings v. 26
 - e. what is the best subject for v 28 (Nestle, et al)
 - f. what is the specific purpose of predestination v. 29
 - g. comment on the tense usages of the verbs in v. 30.