August 2, 2009 AM Sermon Notes

The Redemption of Our Bodies

Romans 8:23-25

- I. The redemption of our bodies is guaranteed by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (v. 23).
 - Who has the "first-fruits of the Holy Spirit?"
 - What is the meaning of "first-fruits?"

- II. The redemption of our bodies is preceded by a time of groaning (v. 23).
 - What makes us groan as Christians?
 - Is groaning complaining?

- III. The redemption of our bodies is part of our inheritance in Christ (vv. 23, 24).
 - When were we adopted as sons?
 - What is the "hope" which we have in Christ?

- IV. The redemption of our bodies is to be anticipated with patience (v. 25).
 - What does waiting "with perseverance" look like?
 - What does waiting "eagerly" look like?

How should we then live?