

## ~Creation Groans-What does Paul mean by 'Creation'?~

### The word "creation"

#### #2937 *ktisis* (*ktis'-is*);

from #2936; original formation (properly, the act; by implication, the thing, literally or figuratively):  
building, creation, **creature**, ordinance. (*Strong*)

#2937 *ktisis*- the act of founding, establishing, building, etc.

a) the act of creating, creation

b) creation, that is, a thing created; used of individual things, beings, a creature, a creation

c) an institution, an ordinance

1) **anything created**

2) after a rabbinical usage (by which a man converted from idolatry to Judaism was called)

3) the sum or aggregate of things created (*Thayer*)

The word (#2937) listed in Englishman's Concordance is the **same** for creature and creation.

### Rom 8:22-23

22 For we know that the whole **creation** groaned and travailed in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

### Gal 6:15

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availed any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new **creature**.

### Mark 16:15

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every **creature**.

### Rom 8:19-22

19 For the earnest expectation of the **creature** waited for the manifestation of the sons of God.

20 For the **creature** was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21 Because the **creature** itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

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### Col 1:23

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every **creature** which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

I believe that when Paul says that "...the whole creation groans..." he means humans, for how can the inanimate world or the animal world groan--and for what reason? I realize that much of the Bible is metaphorical, particularly in Hebrew thought, but in the context, the creation, or creatures, who groan, are the people--particularly the Christian.

**Eph 4:30**

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom *you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

**Luke 21:28**

28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because *your redemption is drawing near.*"

*Because Jesus returned in the 1st century, as He promised, we have that redemption already.*