



# Creation Waits

The Revealing of the Children of God  
Rutland Street Church 15 December 2024

**For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.**

**Romans 8:19-21**

**We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.**

**For in hope, we were saved.**

**Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

**Romans 8:22-25**



Waiting...



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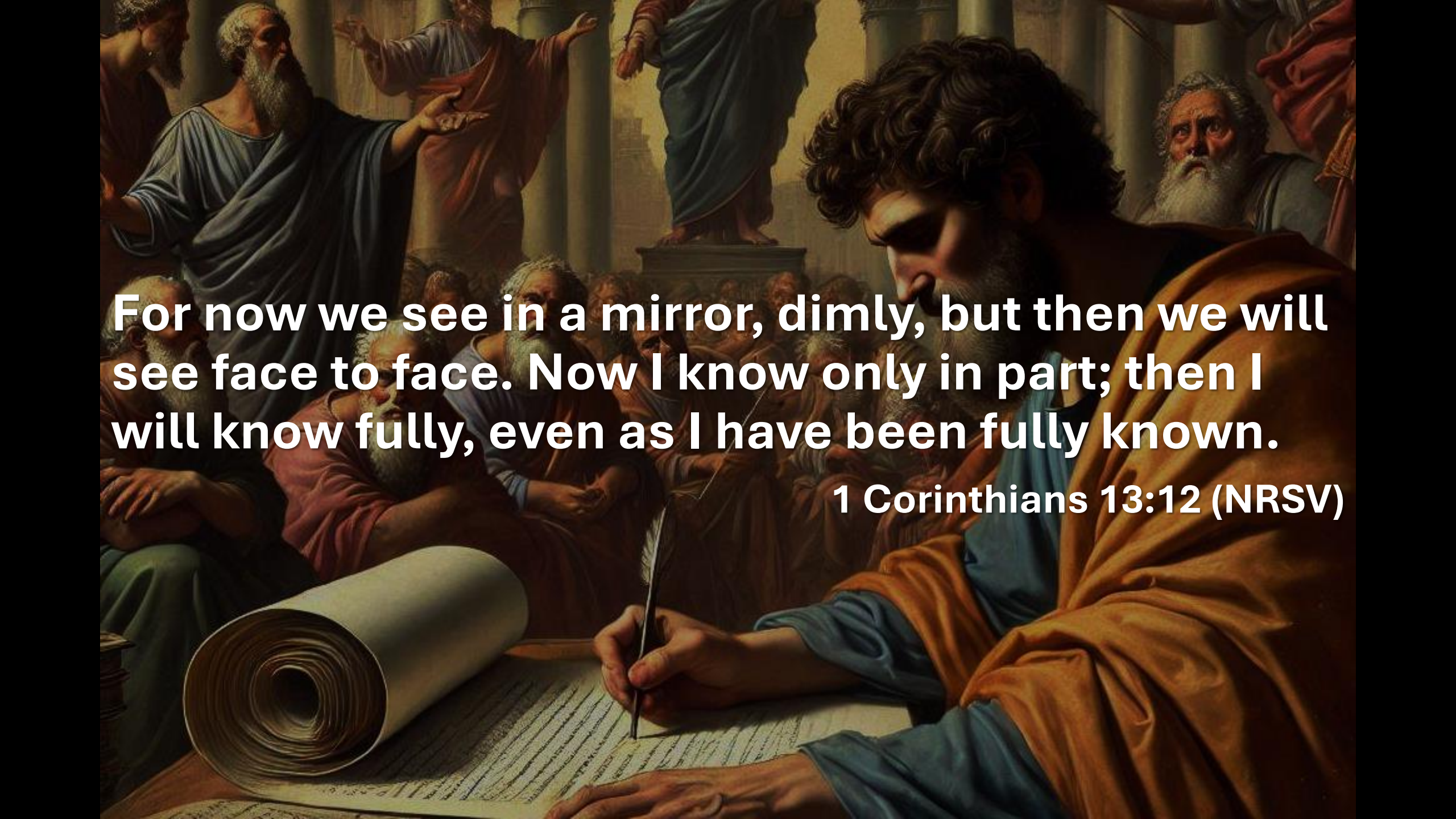




**For in hope, we were saved.**

**Romans 8:24**





**For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.**

**1 Corinthians 13:12 (NRSV)**



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**This is the way the world ends  
This is the way the world ends  
This is the way the world ends  
Not with a bang but a whimper.**

T.S Elliot, The Hollow Men, 1925





**No one cares**



**We are the hollow men  
We are the stuffed men  
Leaning together  
Headpiece filled with straw. Alas!  
Our dried voices, when  
We whisper together  
Are quiet and meaningless  
As wind in dry grass  
Or rats' feet over broken glass  
In our dry cellar**

T.S Elliot, The Hollow Men, 1925



**But we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies**

Romans 8:23



**Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the 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,**

**Revelation 21:1-3**

**“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.**

**Revelation 21:3-4**

**Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”**

**Revelation 21:4 (NRSV)**



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