



ADULT CLASS APRIL 19,2020

Romans 8 – We Are More Than Conquerors

Overview of Romans...

- A. Chapter 1: God's Power to Save; the Unrighteousness of the Gentiles.
- B. Chapter 2: Indictment of the Jews.
- C. Chapter 3: All Have Sinned, But by Faith in Christ All Can Be Righteous.
- D. Chapter 4: Example of Abraham's Faith.
- E. Chapter 5: The Blessings of Justification; Christ is Greater Than Adam.
- F. Chapter 6: We Are Slaves of Righteousness.
- G. Chapter 7: The Law Brings Knowledge of Sin
- H. Chapter 8: There Is No Condemnation In Christ; We Are More Than Conquerors

Intro:

- A. There are some things in the last part of this chapter which we might question the meaning of.
- B. Our failure to grasp the definite meaning of every phrase in this chapter does not at all inhibit our ability to understand the overall point of what Paul is saying.
- C. Without a doubt, Paul is emphasizing the reality and even the necessity of suffering as a Christian.
- D. Whatever we may suffer here in this life will be well worth it because of the hope we have in the one to come.
 - 1. Hope defined: joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation
- E. Any lingering questions we have about specific meanings of words or phrases in this chapter can do nothing to condemn the hope that Paul gives us.

I. Paul gives great encouragement in Romans 8

- A. There is so much in this chapter which gives God's children great comfort.
- B. In all, eight blessings are discussed in this chapter. We have already studied three.
 - 1. We have freedom in Christ. (vv. 1-4)
 - 2. We have a life in the Holy Spirit and with the Holy Spirit. (vv.5-13)
 - 3. We have adoption into the family of God. (vv.14-17)

II. WE HAVE HOPE. – Rom. 8:18-25

- A. Living this life led by the Spirit isn't always easy.
 - 1. There are many things which will cause us problems as we endeavor to live for Christ.
- B. Yet no hardship which we may experience here will compare to the joy we will experience in heaven.
 - 1. Although the hardships we face here on earth are real and can be very difficult, the time we spend here on earth is very short when compared to eternity. - 2 Cor. 8:17-18; 1 Pet. 1:6-7
 - 2. We eagerly look forward to our new life in Heaven. – 2 Pet. 3:13; Phil. 1:23
- C. This hope offers deliverance from the corruption of this life on earth. – 2 Pet. 1:4
 - 1. We are waiting for something better. – Rom. 8:23b
- D. Notice the certainty with which Paul writes... - Rom. 8:18
 - 1. There is no room left for doubt.

III. WE HAVE THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. – Rom. 8:26-27

- A. We do not face life here on earth alone. The Spirit is there to help in our weaknesses.
 - 1. How? By helping with our prayers when we don't know what to say.
 - a) *Intercession: to appeal or intercede on behalf of another.*
 - 2. Sometimes we are so burdened with life here we may not be capable of expressing to God what we feel.
 - 3. The Spirit understands and appeals to God on our behalf.

IV. WE HAVE THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD WORKING ON OUR BEHALF. – Rom. 8:28-30

- A. God is in control!
 - 1. How many times have we been bolstered by reading or thinking about this passage?

2. When things seem to be the darkest, we can gain reassurance from these wonderful words.
- B. Do I fully understand how God's providence works? No.
1. Does this keep us from believing in it and experiencing its effects? No!
- C. All means ALL. – Rom. 8:28a
1. This does not mean that we will never face hardship.
 2. There is not one bad thing Satan can throw at us which God cannot turn into good.
 3. Affliction can keep us on the right track. – Ps. 119:67, 71; Heb. 12:11
- D. Jesus did not enjoy the agonies of the cross, yet he could look ahead to the ultimate outcome of His suffering. – Heb. 12:2
1. As we endure the sufferings of life here, we can do so with an eye towards the joy which will be the ultimate outcome of our trials.
- E. God's plans were made in advance and He knows what he wants the outcome to be. – Eph. 1:4-5
1. From the foundation of the world, those who love God and obey Him were predestined to adopted as His children through the great plan of redemption. – Tit. 3:4-8
 2. Those who answer His call are justified.
 3. Those who are justified will be glorified.

V. WE HAVE THE CARE OF GOD. – Rom. 8:31-34

- A. With God on our side, who can oppose us?
1. On the surface, the Christian may seem to be at disadvantage. – Ps. 118:6-7
- B. To what extent is God willing to go in order to help me?
1. He was willing to send His Son to die for me!
 2. Remember what we read in Romans 5:6-10?
 3. God will not hold anything back including His only Son.
- C. As we face hardships, we become better equipped to help others in their time of need. – 2 Cor. 1:3-4
1. This can also be reciprocated towards us when we are going through hard times.
- D. Who will bring a charge against God's elect?
1. Not God because He has forgiven them.
 2. If God desires to justify His people, then no one can condemn them. – Is. 50:8-9

VI. WE HAVE THE LOVE OF GOD. – Rom. 8:35-39

A. “Who shall separate us from the love of God?”

1. No one and no thing! – 2 Cor. 4:17

2. The power to separate us from God only lies within each one of us. – Jn. 15:10; Jude 21

B. We are “more than conquerors”.

1. Not through our own merit, but “through Him who loved us”.

2. We conquer because God loves us. – 1 Cor. 15:57-58

3. Our Father has all authority. Our Savior conquered death.

Conclusion:

A. When we consider all the benefits, living a life according to the Spirit just makes sense.

B. On top of this, the great love which God has shown His children compels us to live a life of service to Him.

C. Why would anyone reject the One who alone is capable of offering eternal hope and salvation?