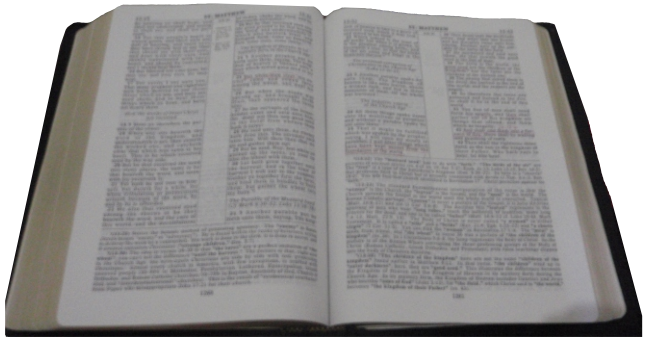
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A Bible Believers Commentary on

Romans
8

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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Romans 8- Victory for the believer

Content- Believers

Theme- Believers getting victory over sin.

Continues the line of thought just covered in chapter 7 the 2 natures in the life of a believer.

It summarizes a re-emphasizes the doctrines of salvation.

Gives believers some of the greatest promises in the Bible about eternal security

8:28-29

Deals with Christians living out a sancitfied life. being set apart by God for God's purposes.

Chapter 8 has nothing to do with an unbeliever getting saved or working to stay saved.

Thus far in Romans, the Holy Ghost is mentioned but one time **5:5,** but 19 times in Chapter **8**

1:1- Clarify definition of condemnation and how it relates to us as believers.

- Examples of eternal condemnation or damnation in hell

- Jh. 3:15-18, 5:24

- All true believers are in Christ and there is no eternal condemnation to us no matter how a believer walks...spiritually or fleshly.

- Our salvation is not based on good works.

- Examples of condemnation that comes upon carnal believers

- 1Cor. 3:1-4

- Just what kind of prayer warrior is Jesus Christ Himself?

- Jh. 11:41-42

5- We are kept secure by the power of God, not by works.

- 1Pet. 1:3-5

6- The believer's security is based on the righteousness of Jesus Christ, not ours

- We are saved by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

- The righteousness we are saved by is not ours to lose.

- Believers can lose the joy of their salvation, but not salvation itself.

7- Eternal security fulfills God's eternal purpose in the believer

- **Jh. 17:9-12, 24**

- Chastisement

- Ps. 89:32

- Heb. 12:6

- Premature death

- Ecc. 7:17

- Rom. 8:6, 13

- 1Cor. 5:1-5

- Self-condemnation by what he allows in his life.

- Rom. 14:22-23

- 1Cor. 11:28-34

- A believer's condemnation due to carnality affects the believer's life and testimony.

- Right now and also later when the believer suffers loss of reward at the judgement seat of Christ.

- Believers can and do experience condemnation, but not eternal condemnation.

- A carnal believer's condemnation is his just sentence

- Chastisement, consequences, and sure results of yielding to the law of sin.

- Rom. 7:23

- Gal. 6:7-8

This verse is NOT saying a believer MUST walk in the spirit or else he'll be eternally condemned with the lost

- But that there are consequences of believers living carnally.

8:1-...who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

- Nearly all the new per-versions of the Bible delete the last 10 word phrase from this verse

- Which is the same 10 words in **8:4**

- Why?- they don't understand it.

- The key to understanding **8:1** is to compare to **8:4** which has the same 10 word ending

- Believers can have the righteousness of the law fulfilled in us **8:4** right now and avoid the chastisement of God now **8:1** and loss of reward later.(believers condemnation)

8:2- Spiritual law of life in Christ Jesus applies automatically to all believers- 3 parts.

1- New Birth

- Holy Spirit enters the body of the new believer and resurrects the dead spirit and brings new life to a new man.

2- Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit places the new believer spiritually into Christ where the believer is now at one with his Saviour's death and resurrection.

3- Spiritual Circumcision

- The Holy Spirit cuts the new and alive spirit from the old fleshly body of sin.

- Ps. 7:11, 9:17

- Jh. 3:18

- Even though "goodness of God" (**Rom. 2:4**) is designed to lead a lost person to receive Jesus as Saviour

- No sinner lives in the love of God until he gets saved.

- 7 reasons why the salvation of the believer is secure and never has to worry about going to hell:

1- Election of the Father to each person who believes on Jesus Christ.

- Who ever believes on Jesus Christ is promised a home in heaven

2- Each believer is in union with Jesus Christ and a part of his body.

- Therefore he cannot ever go to hell because Jesus is not headed for hell.

- Eph. 5:30

3- Since salvation is a free gift, there is nothing you can do to earn it and there is nothing you can do to lose it.

- People who believe you can sin away or lose your salvation are trusting in their works or their own righteousness to earn salvation or hold onto it.

- By doing that they pervert the gospel of the grace through faith.

4- Jesus intercessory prayer on the behalf of all believers guarantees our salvation is secure.

8:37- Persecuted Christians are not just conquerors but "**more than** conquerors"

8:37- Nay

- It matters not one bit that we are like sheep being slaughtered and going through the troubles listed in **8:35**

- Jesus Christ gives us the absolute victory- Praise the Lord.

- The believer's victory is found through Jesus Christ, not ourselves.

- Ph. 4:13- I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

8:38-39- Greatest passage in the Bible on eternal security of the believer.

- Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul is absolutely convinced and certain about what he's about to say on the subject of Eternal Security.

- Nothing that exists that can separate a believer from the love of God

- Here God list 10 things that cannot separate a believer from the love of God.

- The Love of God is **in** Christ Jesus our Lord

- The opposite is true also

- If you are not in Christ, then your still in your sins and not in the love of God.

- No lost person is ever in the love of God

-The result is that it makes believers spiritually free from the law of sin and death and no longer dead in trespasses and sins.

- Eph. 2:1

- When a believer gets saved, he is forever free from the penalty and condemnation for breaking God's Law.

- However, the law of sin and death continues temporarily in our bodies as long as we still reside in our existing bodies of flesh.

8:3- God did for us through Jesus Christ what we are unable to accomplish on our own.

- The weak link in God's Law is neither God as the Giver of the Law, nor the Law itself, it is us sinners, who are weak through the flesh, who are unable to keep it.

- Mt. 26:41b

- The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

- God sent his only begotten son in the likeness of sinful flesh but without sin

- Ph. 2:7-8

- Though weak, God's power can give us victory, just like it did for Jesus.

- 2Cor. 13:4

- Jesus Christ condemned sin in the flesh by preaching against sin and that you don't have to live in sin.

- Man is completely without excuse for the sin in his life

- Gal. 5:24-26

- Jesus did not come into this world to condemn people but to condemn sins

- Jh. 3:17

- Jesus, as a sinless man, has already paid in full for all sins of entire world.

- 1Jh. 2:2

- Lost sinners will not go to hell because of all of his sins against God's Law. Those have already been paid for in full by Jesus Christ

- The lost go to hell for rejecting the payment Jesus made for these sins at the cross of Calvary

- The worst sin of all is the sin of UNBELIEF, REJECTING JESUS CHRIST

- Jh. 16:8-9

- Acts 20:21

- Acts 26:20

- Rev. 20:10-15

- We cannot somehow fix ourselves up and make ourselves right before God by repenting of all our sins.

- The best we could do in feeling sorry for our sins; still does not pay for the sins we've already committed, and God's Laws you have already broken.

- No persecution, no matter how severe, does anything but drive a believer closer to Jesus.

- Throughout history, persecution of believers and the church has always been used by God to cause the church to spread, grow and thrive.

8:36- Quotation of **Ps. 44:22**

- A Tribulation passage, where the Jews as God's sheep will be killed by the Antichirst and False Prophet on the altar fo the temple

- Rev. 6 (seals)

- Then why do we find this reference in Romans, written to Christians?

- To show us that persecution is norm for Christian

- 2Cor. 4:7-18

- Publicly proclaiming Christ in many countries of the world brings the immediate possibility of persecution and death.

- Although we experience little if any persecution in America today, this liberty and freedom to live as a Christian has been paid for the much bloodshed, suffering, and death of others.

- All across the world, many Christians live out this verse in their daily lives.

- Enemies of Christ kill Christians while thinking they are doing service for God.

- Jh. 16:2

- Jesus pleads every believers case, and he never loses a case.

- 1Jh. 2:1

- Heb. 4:14-16

- Example of angel of the Lord protecting Joshua the high priest from Satan's accusation and attack.

- Zech. 3:1-7

8:35- One final question broken into 2 parts

- Context of **8:35-39** is believers

- There are 3 uses of the phrase "love of Christ" in the Bible

- Rom. 8:35

- 2Cor. 5:14

- Eph. 3:19

- Who or what can separate the believer from God's love?

- Answer---- Nobody and no type of persecution

- What a promise

- Even before Calvary and the resurrection, when nobody had yet been placed into the body of Christ.

- Jesus emphatically stated nobody could separate a believer from God.

- Jh. 10:28-29

8:4- The righteousness of God's Law can be fulfilled IN every believer.

- This verse goes beyond the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ that gives us our spiritual and positional righteousness before God.

- It comes when we surrender our daily lives to the control of the Holy Spirit

- The righteousness of God's Law on our inside is reflected on the outside in the way we live.

- When this happens, God's Law is being and fulfilled within the believer

- Eph. 2:10

- Upon salvation, the Lord Jesus wants to live out His righteous life in our daily lives.

8:5- The believer's spirit and his flesh are in constant conflict.

- Jh. 3:6

- The physical birth of our sinful fleshly body causes us to mind the things of the flesh as long as we are in these bodies.

- The new spiritual birth also causes us to mind the things after the spirit which was placed within the believer upon getting saved.

- No believer can serve two masters at the same time.

- Lk. 16:13

- Rom. 6:16

8:6- The war for the believer's mind

- For the believer to live carnally, this brings about a believers condemnation, and can ever shorten your life.

- Ps. 102:23

- Pr. 9:11

- Pr. 10:27

- When believers are spiritually minded, they have life and peace.

- This means a life filled with purpose, meaning, satisfaction joy, and also the peace of God.

- Ph. 4:4-9

- Ps. 119:165

8:7- A carnal believer makes himself the enemy of God

- Here is one of the three great enemies of every Christian

- The flesh- **8:4**

- The world- **Jam. 4:4**

- The devil- **1Pet. 5:8**

- Due to the carnality within the church, many believers today are enemies and traitors of God, ever though their saved.

- Worldly entertainment, music, magazines, amusements, the god of pleasure, immodest dress, what we watch on TV, running with the wrong crowd, increasing our self-esteem failure to witness, failure to study our Bible, failure to pray, and failure to support the church.

8:33- Who has the right or jurisdiction to lay anything to the charge of God's elect

- NOBODY

- The Devil and all unbelievers are the accusers of the brethren.

- Rev. 12:9-11

- Since God Himself has given all believers a full pardon accusers make no difference at all.

- God is the Final Authority and the Final Judge, so no accusations or charges can ever be upheld against a believer.

- Every believer has been declared by God as perfectly sinless in His sight, nobody else's opinions or accusations matter at all.

- It is Jesus' righteousness that makes believers 100% perfect in God's eyes.

- 2Cor. 5:21

8:34- Nobody, even the Devil, can make any condemnation stick against a believer.

- Rom. 14:4

- God is challenging the right of anyone to condemn a believer, it cannot be done successfully.

- No charge sticks because Jesus Christ Himself is in Heaven right now making intercession

- Which is an ongoing ministry according to:

- 1Tim. 2:5

8:32- A glimpse at God's generosity and love toward mankind

- Since God has already demonstrated his love for us in sending His only begotten Son to die for sinners, this proves he will meet all our needs

- Rom. 5:8

- Ph. 4:19

- Mt. 6:33

8:32- All things

- All things does not mean absolutely all

- It doesn't mean God's going to give you 10 million dollars

- 2Cor. 5:17-18- ...all things become new

- Did you get a new body? – NO

- A lot of the false bibles change that verse to Creation.

- Which is wrong your weren't recreated you still live in your old body of sin.

- Notice 2 definitions of the word "all" in the verse

- God will give believers "all things" necessary to live a successful Christian life.

- 2Pet. 1:3-4

- All these things must be within the will of God, not our carnal desires

- 1Tim. 6:6-12

- Many believers have a ME FIRST attitude in all they do

- Ph. 2:3

- The result is a

- 8:6- loss of peace

- Ecc. 2:26- wisdom, knowledge, and joy

- 8:8- fellowship with and the ability to please God

- This guarantees the carnal believer will live a life that is miserable, BY GOD'S DESIGN

8:8- Any person in the flesh (lost person) cannot please God no matter how many good deeds he may do.

- Isa. 64:6

- To please God, we must first trust Jesus Christ as Saviour and then yield to the Holy Spirit's control of and will for our lives

- 1Th. 4:1-7

- Football player you can't play in the game until you join the team.

- Joining the team that's salvation, playing the game that's doing good works.

8:9- Contrasts with **8:8**- But ye are not in the flesh

- Positionally, no believer is ever in the flesh.

- Spiritually- a believer has been circumcised out of the flesh when he was buried with Christ into His death.

- Rom. 6:4

- Col. 2:12

- Salvation is not only the Holy Spirit putting the believer into the body of Christ but also the Holy Spirit coming to dwell in the believer's body.

- 1Cor. 6:19-20

- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit happens immediately upon being regenerated At Salvation

- 2Cor. 1:21-22

- However, there are many fillings of the Holy Spirit

- Acts 4:31

- Acts 13:52

- Eph. 5:18

- Every Believer is in the Spirit (source of eternal life) or he isn't saved at all.

- All believers need to be able to discern between the Holy Spirit and the flesh.

- Charismatic's, Pentecostal's, Apostolic's and many other church people cannot do- music, theology, worship etc.

8:10- God's viewpoint- Unsaved- Dead spirit in a live body.

- Saved- Live spirit in a dead body.

- The believer's outward body of flesh is dying because of sin.

- Positionally it was crucified with Christ on the cross and was buried and resurrected with him.

- 2Cor. 5:14-15

8:31- How should we look at what has been stated in **8:1-30** in light or our new nature?

- How are believers to get the victory over sin?

- How can we ensure that God is for us.

- We all know that the world, the flesh, and the Devil are any believer's three great enemies.

- The implication from this question is who can successfully stand against us as believers when we:

1- **8:1,4-** Walk in the spirit

2- **8:5-** Mind the things of the Spirit

3- **8:13-** Mortify the deeds of the body

4- **8:17-** Suffer with him

5- **8:25-** Patiently wait for the return of the Lord in confident hope

- Answer- Nobody and nothing,

- Victory is sure when we will do these things in the power of the Holy Spirit.

- What God started

- (with the greatest act of love in the history of mankind, the sacrifice of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ)

- He will finish

- 1Sam. 3:11-12

- Jude 1:24-25

- All believers will forever fall under the estate of Jesus Christ.

- Heb. 1:2

- Jh. 3:35

- Jesus Christ is the firstborn of all believers and the church.

- Col. 1:15-18

- Heb. 12:23-24

8:30- Whom & Them

- These are all believers and notice it's all in past tense.

- God determined from the foundation of the world that he would have a family of sons

- Who is made up of entirely Christian believers.

- Who would be like his own Son Jesus Christ

- God has predestined all those he foreknew that would receive Jesus Christ as Saviour will be conformed into the image of Jesus Christ.

- The same ones he predestinated, he also called, the same ones he called, he also justified, and the same ones he justified, he also glorified

- In God's eyes, all believers have been glorified it just hasn't happened yet.

- Heb. 7:25- We are saved to the uttermost- It's a done deal

8:31-34- Five questions are asked referring back to 8:1-30 because
- they deal with the battle between the flesh and the spirit and how the Holy Spirit can give our new nature the victory over our old sinful nature.

- The Holy Spirit is the believer's source of life because He brought to us **the gift of the righteousness** of Jesus Christ and **unity** with Jesus Christ

- Rom. 5:17

- 1Cor. 6:15-17

- Jesus Christ makes the believer perfectly righteous before God.

- 2Cor. 5:21

8:11-God will do for the believer (bodily) what He did for Jesus

- Rom. 6:5

- 1Cor. 15:45-54

- Some day the believers new body will be just like Jesus glorified body.

- Eph. 1:19-20

- This will occur at the rapture of the Church.

- 1Th. 4:13-18

8:12- The believer's debt (duty & responsibility) is to live and walk after the Spirit of God.

- We owe our whole life to the Holy Spirit, we owe our flesh nothing.

- All believers owe a debt that is never fully paid to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ ot every creature.

- Mk. 16:15

- Rom. 1:14-16

8:13- Consequences of living after the flesh and after the Spirit

- Believers living after the flesh are guaranteed to experience the believer's condemnation we discussed in **8:1**

- Chastisement from God, loss of rewards, and likely a shortened life.

- Sins unto death include:

  - Living after the flesh

    - Rom. 8:13-

    - 1Cor. 5:1-5

  - Taking the Lord's supper in an unworthy manner (practically)

    - 1Cor. 11:20-34

  - Serving sin

    - Rom. 6:16

  - Disobedience to God

    - 2Sam. 6:6-11

  - Hypocrisy and lying to God

    - Acts 5:1-11

  - Not giving God the glory

    - Acts 12:20-23

  - Ruling in an evil manner in the eyes of God- Jehoram

    - 2Ch. 21:5-20

2- **Rom. 8:30**

- Predestination is God's plan for all believers to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ

- Predestination is the process starting at the point of getting saved and culminates at the redemption and glorification of our bodies at the Rapture, when all believers will be fully conformed to the image of Christ.

- 1Jh. 3:2

3- **Eph. 1:3-6**

- God foreknew and predestined that all believers would be adopted in as children of God.

- This starts the process to become holy and without blame

- Eph. 1:4

4- **Eph. 1:9-12**

- Believers are predestined to obtain an inheritance as each believer is conformed into the image of Jesus Christ in accordance with God's purpose and will.

8:29- Firstborn

- This is a position or title, not just being the oldest male male child.

- The context here is not about Jesus' physical birth, but how God is going to work all things together for good to all believers who have been adopted into God's family.

- Predestination- is also used in the scriptures 4 times.

1- **Rom. 8:29-** Predestination is shown as operative only after salvation, not before

- Predestination cannot be false Calvinist “TULIP” doctrine of the sovereign God pre-determining which people will be saved and lost.

- That leads to the false doctrine of fatalism

- Hare you ever met a Calvinist who was not “one of God’s elect” and could not do a thing in the world about it.

- 1Tim. 2:3-6

- 2Pet. 3:9

- 1Jh. 2:2

- Calvinism leads to apathy and laziness in soul-winning since this false doctrine teaches that everybody’s destination is determined beforehand by God.

- Believers are predestined to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ, not predestined to be saved

- Salvation is limited only by whosoever will.

- God foreknows the destination of a lost man is hell until the moment he trust Jesus Christ, at which time his destination changes to heaven.

- God’s foreknowledge changes based upon the choices that are made by a person’s free will.

- Man’s free will determines God’s foreknowledge, not the other way around.

- Not keeping an oath of the Lord

- 1Kg. 2:36-46

- If we bring our bodies into subjection to the Holy Spirit we will have purpose and success in this life.

- 1Cor. 9;27

- 1Cor. 15:31

- Rom. 6:17-18

- Josh. 1:8

- Living after the Spirit gives us abundant life right now.

- Jh. 10:10

- As believers, we must mortify the deeds of the body

- Col. 3:5-10

- This is not self-mutilation or trying to show other people outwardly how spiritual you are.

8:14- The Holy Spirit guarantees believers **are** and still shall ever **remain** the “sons of God”

- NT verses containing the “sons of God”

- Rom. 8:14, 19

- Phil. 2:15

- 1Jh. 3:1-2

- 8:14 is not saying that a person must be walking in obedience to the Spirit of God in order to be a Christian, in the sense of sheep following a shepard

- No verse in the Bible can be correctly interpreted for the people living in the church age as “works for salvation”

- It is saying that the Spirit of God automatically leads all believers by taking us home to heaven.

- The believer’s eternal destination in heaven if fixed and eternally secure.

- Practically, as we allow the Holy Spirit to lead our lives, we show the world we are saved.

8:15- Law equals bondage and the fear of going to hell

- Gal. 4:1-7

- Hagar, the bondwoman, represents the covenant of the Law and thus bondage.

- Gal. 4:22-25

- Believing on Jesus Christ frees us from the bondage and penalty of the Law

- Gal. 5:1

- When you trust any form of good works or attempt to keep God’s Law in order to be saved,

- You will have nothing but bondage and fear of going to hell when you die.

- There is no assurance of salvation when our salvation depends on anything other than believing on Jesus Christ and in Him alone.

- believers have no fear of going to hell

- Jh. 3:36, 5:24

- 1Sam. 23:5-13

- David’s decision to depart in vs. 13 caused Saul to “forbare to go forth”

- This decision went against God’s previously stated foreknowledge that Saul “will come down” **vs.11**

- Jer. 26:13

- The potential for man to amend his ways “and obey the voice of the Lord your God”

- Would cause the Lord to repent of the evil he had already pronounced against them.

- God’s foreknowledge is always passive in response to whatever choice man makes.

- God established a plan of salvation though faith in Jesus Christ.

- This proves that God responds to the choices of man

- Even when man chooses wrongly.

- God’s perfect will would have been for man to stay in a state of innocence before the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden.

- That did not happen- So God responded to man’s wrong choice and made a way for man to be reconciled to God.

- The word “if” in the Bible proves man’s choices dictate God’s foreknowledge, not the other way around.

- God's foreknowledge is determined by each person's free will choice.

- Some form of "foreknow" is used in the scripture 4 times.

1- **Acts 2:23-** Even though God foreknew Jesus would be taken and crucified, God allowed the council to use its own will to make this decision.

- This means God's foreknowledge does not determine our will or control the events of our lives.

- It is passive.

2- **Rom. 8:29-** Believers are predestinated "to be conformed to the image of his son"

- Not predestinated to be saved.

3- Rom. 11:2- Speaking of Israel, God's foreknowledge of the nation of Israel did not predetermine that every individual Israelite would be saved.

- All unbelieving Jews perish.

4- **1Pet. 1:1-2-** Election is "according to the foreknowledge of God the Father

- This verse does not say as determined by but rather means God's election is in agreement, harmony, or consistent with.

- Therefore foreknowledge is not the same as election.

- God's foreknowledge does not determine who the elect are but is in agreement with each person's free will choice.

- God's foreknowledge never interferes with a person's free will or the choices a person makes- Steak or liver example

8:15- Spirit of adoption

- God legally giving all believers the position of being His child forever.

- Under the law, natural born children can be disowned or disinherited, but you CANNOT be disowned, or disinherit an adopted child.

- In the same way, every believer has been purchased by Jesus blood and is eternally secure.

- Eph. 1:4

- Eternal life is available to whosoever will believe on Jesus Christ.

- Jh. 3:16

- Disobedient believers will be chastened by God but are never disowned and cast into hell

- Heb. 12:5-8

- When a believer falls into sin he falls in Christ but never out of Christ.

8:15- Abba - The Hebrew word for father,

- It is an intimate term comparable to using a personal name, dad or daddy while father is a normal term.

- Abba represents the closeness that God wants with His children

- Mk. 14:36

- Abba represents the access to God we have as believers, on an individual personal basis.

8:16- The witness of the Holy Spirit

- 1Jh. 3:24

- 1Jh. 5:4-13

- Believers have 2 spirits

1- The human spirit that all men have

2- The Holy Spirit of the God which indwell only In believers

- 1Cor. 6:15-17

- The Holy Spirit communicates with the believer's human spirit to provide the assurance that we are saved "children of God"

- Gal. 3:26

- 1Th. 1:5- In much assurance

- The Holy Spirit testifies as to the person of Jesus Christ

- 1Jh. 4:1-3

- The presence of Jesus Christ

- 1Jh. 5:9-12

- The work of Christ

- 1Jh. 4:10-15- As revealed in the scriptures.

- All believers have an unction and an anointing from God

- 1Jh. 2:20, 27

8:28- For good

- This means God's idea and timing of good, not what we think would be good.

- The end result will be for God's glory and for our ultimate good.

- The verse does not say all things are good, but all things work together for good.

- Result of this verse

- 2Cor. 9:8

8:29- God's purpose for each believer is to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

- Context 8:28-34- Believers not lost people

- Note first the order of verses **29-30**

1- Foreknow
2- Predestinate
3- Called
4- Justified
5- Glorified

- These are all the same people- Believers

8:29- To be conformed

- This is a process, telling us predestination cannot have anything to do with getting saved because salvation is an event.

- All events are past in the foreknowledge of God

- God's foreknowledge does not serve to predetermine some people to heaven and some to hell

- Believers who love God- spirit filled Christians

- Those who do not love God- carnal Christians

- If, as some teach, that it is necessary to “love God” as a pre-condition for all things to work together for good

- Then what believer could ever hope to reach the scriptural standard for loving God?

- Jh. 14:15

- Mk. 12:30

- Knowing this is an unconditional promise for all believers, it becomes much easier to thank God for everything and understand that it is God’s perfect will for us to do so.

- 1Th. 5:18

- Persecution for righteousness sake brings rewards at the judgment seat of Christ

- 1Pet. 3:14

- What purpose?

- 8:29- To be conformed to the image of his Son

- God’s promises described

- Ecc. 3:14

- 1Kg. 8:56

- Tit. 1:2

- 2Pet. 1:3-4

- Three things will cause a person to doubt their salvation

1- Depending on anything other than Jesus Christ ALONE for salvation.

2- Living in willful sin (which strengthens your old nature and weakens your new nature).

3- Depending on your feelings rather than the facts and promises of God in the scriptures.

8:17- Believers are “heirs of God” and “joint heirs with Christ”

8:17- Heirs of God

- Believers are automatically and eternally saved and have an inheritance of being part of the New Jerusalem.

- Gal. 4:26

- Heb. 12:22-23

- 1Pet. 1:3-4

- Jesus Christ is heir of all things

- Heb. 1:2

- Jh. 3:35

8:17- Joint heirs with Christ

- Believers may enjoy an earned reward of being glorified together with Jesus Christ

- But it is conditioned upon our suffering with him.

- How did Jesus Christ suffer

- Mt. 26: 67-68

- Isa. 52:14

- Ph. 2:7-8

- Since none of us has suffered like Jesus Christ suffered (yet) how will any of us ever be able to reign with Him?

1- By putting off the old man and his deeds and putting on the new man and then faithfully living for and serving the Lord Jesus Christ

- Col. 3:5-25

2- Enduring fiery trials- such al being reproached for the name of Jesus Christ or any persecution that comes from being a Christian.

- 1Pet. 4:12-16

- Heb. 13:13

3- Suffering for doing well and for righteousness sake

- 1Pet. 2:20

- 1Pet. 3:14-17

- Example of earned inheritance being lost

- Eph. 5:1-7

- 2Jh. 8

- So all believers automatically have salvation as an heir of God

- Our salvation will be either with or without the reward of the glory

- Believers are not left alone in our prayer life.

- The Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ sort out our real needs and then rewrites and repetitions our prayer to be within God's will, and then the prayer is answered.

- 1Jh. 5:14-15

- Ph. 4:19

8:28- This is an unconditional promise for all believers.

- Gen. 50:14-21- Joseph

- This most important and unconditional promise is that all things are going to ultimately work together fro good in the lives os all believers.

- The focus is on the end result

- Ph. 1:6

8:28- To them

- This term is used twice

1- Believers that love God

2- All believers are called

- This promise is for believers only.

- 2Tim. 1:8-9

- 1Th. 5:23-24

- Paul is not dividing up the believers into 2 groups

8:26- The Spirit itself

- Itself- a neuter reflexive pronoun

- This is the correct translation, not himself, since the context is the work of the Holy Spirit not the person of the Holy Spirit.

- This applies to **8:16** “itself” also.

8:26- Cannot be uttered

- This means no person can speak these groanings, and this proves the modern tongues speaking gibberish does not come from the Holy Spirit.

- 1Cor. 14:22, 4

8:27- Jesus is our intercessor, (also in **8:34**)

- So each believer has two great intercessors,

1- The Holy Spirit indwelling us

2- Jesus Christ seated at the right hand of God

- Heb. 7:25

- Heb. 12:2

- Jesus Christ ever liveth to make intercession for believers

- Heb. 7:22-25

- At times we pray the wrong prayers

- Jam. 4:3

- Jesus Christ knows what is in the mind of the Holy Spirit because He also always intercedes within the perfect will of God

- 2Tim. 2:10-12- your inheritance denied

8:18- Present sufferings compared with the glory to be revealed

- 1Cor. 2:9-10

- 2Cor. 4:17-18

- This expands the definition of suffering in **4:17** to include all sufferings that come as a result of being a Christian

- This is suffering for Jesus and righteousness sake

- Present sufferings are light and temporary, but the glory with Jesus is exceeding and eternal.

- Life’s trials and sufferings will seem as nothing when we see Christ.

- Why is our faith tried through suffering and persecution

- 1Pet. 1:7

- Heb. 5:8

- Believers should live right now for the next life, not this one.

- Believers should remind themselves we are strangers and pilgrims on this earth.

- And its only for a little while.

- 1Pet. 2:11

- This means all believers should constantly be soul conscious and soul winners

- Christians should read their Bibles, living with the Judgment seat of Christ on their minds

- Setting your affection on things above not on things on the earth.

- Col. 3:1-2

- Christians should lay up treasure in heaven, and do some thing for God at every opportunity.

8:19-25- Is a discussion of the inheritance that awaits all believers

- We call it glorification after our justification and sanctification

- Rom. 8:29

8:19- The earnest expectation

- Is having the curse of sin lifted.

8:19-21- The creature

- This refers to the curse on nature and every animal creature, which was brought about by Adam's sin.

- Gen. 3:14-18

8:19- Manifestation of the sons of God

- At the Rapture, the Lord will lift the curse of sin that is presently upon all believers and change every believer's body into a glorified body that is like Jesus resurrection body

- Ph. 3:20-21

- 1Jh. 3:2

8:26- The Holy Spirit is each believers intercessor in prayer.

8:26- Infirmities

- Weaknesses, diseases, sickness and troubles with and in our flesh.

- God's strength is made perfect in our weakness.

- 2Cor. 12:9-10

- If believers must glory, it ought to be about our infirmities

- 2Cor. 11:24-30

8:26- For we know not what we should pray for

- We often don't know what to pray for so the Holy Spirit does it for us.

- The Holy Spirit correctly sees our real need and then prays always in God's will.

- The Holy Spirit sees the following and prays with these things in mind.

- God's purpose, Satan's purpose,

- your strength to bear the infirmity,

- Who is watching you go through the infirmity,

- How you will be able to minister to others because of the infirmity

- What kind of example and influence you'll be because of the infirmity.

- As believers, our souls have already been saved (justified) when we believed on Jesus Christ.

- Our spirits are being renewed day by day in the present (sanctified)

- We will receive a new body (glorified) in the future.

8:25-Believers patiently await the Rapture and our glorified bodies.

8:25- That- New glorified body

- At the Rapture, a believer's salvation is fully complete upon receipt of his glorified body.

8:25- Wait- waiting **8:23**

- Is God's method of spiritual maturity

- True faith expresses itself in enduring patience during tribulation.

- Jam. 1:3-4

- Jam. 5:7-8

- Believers have already been delivered from the wrath to come

- 1Th. 1:10

- 1Th. 5:8-9

- Suffering now for Jesus leads to patience if we are to reign with Christ

- Rom. 5:3-4

- Chronological order of spiritual growth

- 2Pet. 1:5-7

- The believer's glorified body is going to live eternally in Heaven without sin.

- At the 2nd Advent all of creation will be restored and the glorified bodies of all believers will be revealed to the entire world.

- 2Th. 1:10

- 1Pet. 1:3-5

- 1Pet. 4:13

- 1Pet. 5:1

8:20- All of nature is under a death sentence because of Adam's sin.

- The curse of Adam's sin caused the curse on all of nature and creatures, including the animals at the same time.

- The creatures (other than man) had no part in the curse placed on them due to man's sin.

- Why did God curse the animals? To establish hope

- A hope in a future glory that faith sees and is confident is going to occur.

- 8:24-25- is more hope

8:21- Deliverance from bondage of corruption

- All of nature, including the animal kingdom eagerly awaits the sons of God to be glorified.

- Since everything in nature shared in the curse of sin brought about by Adam, then it will also share in the great hope of glorification to come

8:22- The whole creation groaneth and travaileth

-The present state of whole creation is pain, decay, and degeneration.

- The whole creation groaneth and travaileth presently because of the bondage that sin brought to the whole world.

8:23- ...but ourselves also- Believers

8:23- groan within ourselves

- Believers also groan, eagerly anticipation deliverance from these sinful bodies.

- We as believers do groan (earnestly long for) glorification through the lifting of the curse of sin,

- The redemption of our bodies, and being fully conformed to the image of Jesus Christ

- 1Cor. 15:20-23

8:23- First fruits

- Believers have the first fruits of the Holy Spirit by having Jesus Christ as our Saviour

- We await the consummation of the adoption to take place which is the redemption of our glorified body.

- Jesus shed blood on the cross did 3 things

1- It redeems all believers' soul from hell

2- It redeems God's creation of the curse of man's sin

3- It redeems all believers' bodies so that we get a new glorified body fit for living eternally in Heaven.

8:23- To wit

- A legal term that defines that which precedes it by that which follows it

- Therefore Adoption **8:15** is defined as redemption of our body.

- The adoption is completed by the redemption of our bodies.

- Gal. 4:3-7

- Rom. 13:11

8:24- For we are saved by hope

- The believers body is saved by hope

- Tit. 2:13

- The context is not dealing with saving the soul

- But saving or redemption of our body **8:23**

- We are not dealing with a worldly wishful thinking doubt, and uncertainty.

- Hope for the believer means a confident assurance that what is going to happen is sure to happen but has not yet occurred.

- It is factual history that is written in advance.

- Hope is that anticipation and expectation in each believer of the imminent return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

- Jh. 14:3