



A STUDY OF
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CHAPTER

8

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ROMANS 8:1 – 39

Life in the Spirit,
Future Glory, & God's Love



ROMANS 8:1–39 (NKJV)

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ROMANS 8:1 – 2 (NKJV)

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.



1. Freedom in Christ with No Condemnation

- We were all guilty of sin, but Jesus Christ took our punishment and paid the penalty for our sins.
- Jesus suffered on the cross, bled, and died for our sins.
- The Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead giving him victory over sin and death.



- **I PETER 3:18**

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit”

- Jesus does not want us to walk in condemnation. He wants us to accept His gift of salvation.

- **JOHN 3:17**

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”



- Look at what Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery.

JOHN 8:10-11

¹⁰ When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.”

And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”



- **“Law of the Spirit of Life”** (verse 2)
Controlling power of the Holy Spirit who is life giving
- **“Law of Sin & Death”** (verse 2)
Controlling power of sin which ultimately produces death
- Sin and death do not have power over the believer.
- We have freedom because of Jesus Christ!



ROMANS 8:3 – 4 (NKJV)

³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the condemn, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.



- Verse 3 says that God sent His own Son in the “likeness of sinful flesh”.
- Jesus lived on earth in a human body (flesh), but no sin was found in Him.
- Jesus condemned sin in the flesh because there was no sin found in Him yet He took on our condemnation.
- This gives us freedom in Christ with no condemnation!



ROMANS 8:5 – 8 (NKJV)

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.



2. Spiritually Minded - Not Carnal Minded

- What's on your Mind? Are your thoughts more focused on carnal things or spiritual things?
- A carnal mind is a mind focused on sinful desires that go against the will of God and will not submit to God.
- A spiritual mind is focused on the things that please God.
- A spiritual mind brings “life and peace”.



- A carnal mind will not submit to the will of God.
- Enmity (Carnal Mind) - being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something
- If you live according to the flesh, then you live with a carnal mind and cannot please God!



ROMANS 8:9 – 11 (NKJV)

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰ And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.



3. Empowered to Live in the Spirit

- When you accept Jesus Christ as your savior you receive the Holy Spirit.
- You belong to Christ and the Holy Spirit lives in you.
- The old man is dead, and the Spirit gives us life because of the righteousness of God not our own righteousness.
- The Holy Spirit will give life to our mortal bodies.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:14 (NKJV)

“knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.”



ROMANS 8:12 – 17 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.



4. We are God's Children

- Paul uses “adoption” to describe our relationship with God through Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit.
- An adopted child in Roman culture:
 - Loses all the rights of his or her old family;
 - Gains all the rights as a legitimate child of his or her new family; and
 - Becomes a full heir to their new father's estate.



- **GALATIANS 4:4-5 (NKJV)**

⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

- We are children of God, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.
- “Joint Heirs” – Everything belongs to Jesus Christ, but by grace we share in what is His.



2 TIMOTHY 2:12

**12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him:
if we deny Him, He also will deny us.**



ROMANS 8:18 (NKJV)

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

5. Future Glory Greater Than Our Suffering

- Our present sufferings do not compare to the glory that will be revealed.



- Paul experienced many sufferings.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:24-27 (NKJV)

²⁴ From the Jews five times I received forty *stripes* minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶ *in* journeys often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my own* countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; ²⁷ in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness —



Paul believed all his sufferings still don't compare to the glory that will be revealed in us!



ROMANS 8:26-28 (NKJV)

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession [g]for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.



6. The Holy Spirit Helps Us

- Believers are not alone and never without help.
- The Holy Spirit is our “Helper”.

JOHN 14:26 (NKJV)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

- All things are working for good in your life because you love God and He has called you to His purpose.



ROMANS 8:35-39 (NKJV)

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



7. God's Love Makes Us More Than Conquerors

- The early church went through severe persecution for the sake of spreading the gospel.
- These words brought encouragement by reminding them that:
 - Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
 - His love also makes us more than conquerors.
- Suffering does not separate believers from God's love.



- God sent Jesus to save us because He loves us.

JOHN 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- **“nor height nor depth” (verse 39)** - It is impossible to go beyond God’s loving reach.



No matter where we are today, what we've been through in the past, and what we experience in the future, we can never be separated from God's love.

Hallelujah!!!



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