

One of best loved chapters in Bible
ROMANS 8 Lesson on priorities

This ch. one of most int. & precious portions of Script. Some parts diff. to understand, but design apparent to all. Continuation of subj. in Ch. 7, intended to show that gospel could effect what Law could not do. Ch. 7 shows that law could not justify or bring peace of mind. Law tended to regulate acts of body only, & man was such that laws & prohibitions only irritated, produced conflict. Appeal was made to outward acts, not inward heart prompted by love.

V 1- NOW NO CONDEMNATION TO THEM IN JESUS:
Does it mean those in Christ will never do anything wrong?

Does not say they will do nothing that deserves condemnation. To them Christ is like city of refuge. See also 1 Jno. 1:7
Contrasts law & grace- Law always condemns gospel gives deliverance. *walk in light*

V 2- LAW OF SPIRIT OF LIFE- is law given by Spirit thro which life comes.
LAW OF SIN & DEATH- controlling influence of sin, leading to death. *law control*

V 3- LAW WEAK THRO FLESH- in that it sought to control flesh instead of heart. Weakness not in law itself, but in flesh. If not for flesh we might be perfect-(Eve)
Law will not justify unless we are perfect & our weakness thro flesh prevents our reaching perfection. *Phil 3:14 press on... church & weak members?*

GOD SENT HIS OWN SON- divine.

In LIKENES OF SINFUL FLESH- Took on nature of man, was tempted in all things like as we are- shows temptation & sin comes thro flesh. Also shows sin is not flesh itself, but corruption of flesh. Christ kept flesh under subjection. *Gal 1:12-15*

lust - conceived - sin - death
CONDEMNED SIN IN THE FLESH- God condemned sin in the flesh by showing to us Christ in the flesh, yet free from sin, proving that sin was a tyrant to be destroyed. Christ resisted, conquered, & destroyed the power of sin in the flesh.

God's giving his only son to suffer for sin shows His condemnation & abhorrence of it.

righteousness
V 4- THAT ORDINANCE OF LAW MIGHT BE FULFILLED IN US- Thro help of Christ we might attain the righteousness set forth in law. Christ kept law perfectly, he paid penalty fixed by law, so we who are in him gain benefits of his perfect life. See 2 Cor. 5:21

God finds no fault with his Son, and if we are IN his son, he will not condemn us. See Isa. 53:4-6

WHO WALK NOT AFTER THE FLESH- Obey the dictates of flesh, to obey sin.
WALK AFTER SPIRIT- How?

V 5- MIND THE THINGS OF FLESH- Obey, give careful attention to, tend-
Seek things pertaining to flesh, engrossed with things of flesh, lovers of pleasure, even some things not wrong in themselves become wrong if given wrong emphasis in our lives. (Rich fool placed emphasis on wrong things) *Lk 12:20*

MIND THE SPIRIT- Provide for reading word of God, meditation, prayer, thanks. No matter how full their life is, these come first. If conflict arises between church life & everyday affairs, which comes first

V 6- Contrast results of following mind of flesh (death) & spirit (life & peace) ????
(carnality)

V (7) How serious is minding fleshly, worldly things? Enmity with God.

Cannot be subject to God, obey two masters. *Mt. 6:24*

V 8- Those in FLESH CANNOT PLEASE GOD, BE CAUSE THEY CONTINUALLY SIN AGAINST HIM.

V 9- Flesh & spirit are antagonistic, & both cannot dwell in us. Possession of spirit of Christ is necessary to being acceptable with God. NONE OF HIS- test easy to apply

V. 10- BODY IS DEAD BEC OF SIN- the body is doomed to natural death bec. of Adam's sin, Spirit lives bec. it is justified & counted righteous bec. of Christ's righteousness.

OR

Body (fleshly nature as ruling power) is dead to sins thro Christ, but spirit leads to righteousness in Christ.

V 11- IF SPIRIT DWELLS IN YOU Acts 2:38? *When does it begin to dwell?*
Will give life to dead bodies & raise them to immortal life. *As resurrection for all? to spirit*
acts 24:15

V 12- Debtors (have obligation)- Since all good comes by living after spirit, & law of sin brings death, under obligation to God who redeemed us.

MUST DIE IF LIVE AFTER FLESH- die eternally

^{mercifully}
PUT TO DEATH DEEDS OF BODY- restrain & control desires of flesh.

*John 15:26 - acts 2:38 - 1st cor 2:13
John 16:13*

V 14- AS MANY OF LED BY SPIRIT OF GOD ARE SONS OF GOD- Spirit leads us when we obey Christ, dwells in us when we obey, & we continue to be led.

When Spirit strengthens human spirit to enable it to control the flesh, leading is internal. *How does Spirit strengthen human spirit?* Spirit supplies gospel truth revealed for instruction & guidance, external guidance.

V 15 - This seems to point to time when they believed, were baptized, entered into kingdom, & recd Holy spirit, by whom they were led. Bondage here is bondage of sin, which would lead to fear of eternal death, fear wrath of God.

Instead had spirit of being adopted, of being children. Can Now cry "Abba, ? Father".

Mk 14:36 Gal 4:6

Bondage of law, served from fear.
Under Christ, as children, we serve from love.

V 16- SPIRIT BEARS WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT- Spirit gives directions thro word how to be children of God. *acts 2:38* Our spirits bear witness as to whether from the heart we have complied with these conditions. They must jointly bear testimony.

Holy spirit gives directions as to kind of life to lead, our own spirit testifies whether we conform. *conscience?*

Many people have witness of own spirit as to goodness of ~~the~~ state, but ~~do~~ not have witness of Spirit.

Testimony of Spirit is ALWAYS agreeable to

written word, never contradicts it. ^{2 Pet 1:21}

V 17- ⁽¹⁸⁾ FOR I RECKON- ^{reasons, weighs arguments. navigator on plane or ship} not guess, but to compute, make calculation, as a navigator. ^{does not guess}

As if on giant scale, he put sufferings of present time, on other side the puts the future glory. 2 Cor. 4:17 ^{eclipses "reckoned" to seconds}

2 Cor. 11:23-28 — Sufferings

2 Cor. 12:3,4 glory of third heaven

V 19- Creation waiteth - all animated nature below man.

Sin of man brought curse upon all earth, pictured as waiting for appearance of sons of God from grave, when world will be delivered from curse. Gen. 3:17,18 Isa. 24:5-7
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20- Subjected to vanity- cursed and fell away from original design, became subject to reign of death.

NOT OF OWN WILL- but by ^{cause} sin of man.
BY REASON OF HIM WHO SUBJECTED IT- God placed creation under man's dominion, also subjected it to effects of man's sin.

V 21- IN HOPE THAT CREATION SHALL BE DELIVERED- God did not leave creation without hope that it would share in redemption of sons of God, be freed from corruption & mortality, ^{that} sin of man brought about.
See 2 Pet. 3:13, Rev. 21:1,5

V 22- GROANETH & TRAVAILLETH TOGETHER- Animals suffer, vegetable kingdom struggles against, but succumbs to death & decay.

V 23- NOT ONLY NATURE, BUT CHRISTIANS, who have first-fruits (earnest) of the

2 Cor 1:22
spirit. (Resurrection of Christ as pledge
of resurrection of those who are Christ's)

WAITING FOR OUR ADOPTION- redemption of body
"Adoption" applied to 2 diff. events in
life of redeemed. Applied to entrance into
kingdom at conversion, enter it by being
"born of water & spirit". Into everlasting
kingdom they enter by being born from
the grave.

Deliverance from sin COMPLETED when bodies
are raised and become like Jesus in glorified
state.

V 24- IN HOPE WERE WE SAVED- *Rom 5:2*
Refers to "waiting" in V. 23. Waiting is
substance of hope. When we were converted
& saved from past sins, we did not receive
all that final salvation bestows on us.
Our future salvation exists in hope.
We do not see it as yet, who hopes for that
which he sees, or has already? Hope applies
only to the unattained, and we patiently
wait for it,

V 26- In the new relationship as a
Christian, as possessor of Spirit, we have
the aid of the Spirit. - *intercession - pray*
for us when may forget.

Not only are we encouraged by the sympa-
thetic groaning of the creation, and
our hopes of future glorification, but are
aided by Spirit who helps us in our weak-
ness, gives strength & patience nec. to
endure faithfully. We need this help,
for we would fail to ask for those things
so badly needed. We are not wise enough to
always pray for the things we ought to pray
for.

Test

We are shortsighted, & prejudiced in favor of the flesh. "WE know not" - Paul even included himself. Spirit intercedes for us, not praying independently or apart from us, but stirring within us a desire for those things which are our real needs, but which we might not be able to put into words

Hannah, 1 Sam. 1:13. *Spoke in heart*
V 27 - HE THAT SEARCHETH THE HEART- God. To the hypocrite, nothing more dreadful than that God searches heart, sees thro the disguise. To sincere Christian, nothing more comforting than that God searches heart & knows intents & desires, and can answer those wants we cannot express.

MAKETH INTERCESSION FOR SAINTS ACC. TO WILL OF GOD- Intercedes for Christian only as he brings himself into conformity with will of God. 1 Jno. 5:14.

V 28- Favorite verse. Purpose of God is to call souls into his church (thro gospel) then to discipline & educate them as to fit them to dwell in eternity with him.

~~GOOD~~
"ALL THINGS"- events that are painful, which threaten to result in evil, such as affliction, poverty, imprisonment, hunger, death.

God is able to turn all things to their good.

better, best
GOOD- things which fit for eternal home.

CALLED- those who ACCEPT call of gospel. Many called, few chosen. (hear & obey) *mt 20:16*

Purposed to call by gospel 2 Thess. 2:13, 14

V 29-

V 29- Keyword in V 29 & 30 is "PURPOSE" of 28th v. Before man was created, God foresaw his fall, (foreknew) designed gospel for redemption, (Rom. 16:25,26) 1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 3:9). God foreknew that some would accept salvation to be provided thro terms of gospel, These he decreed should bear image of his son, be like him, being led by spirit, these were called by gospel. See (Eph. 1:4,5). ^{2 Thes 2:13,14} ^{2 Pet 1:10,21} Predestination then was not to certain individuals, ^{regardless of acts} but to those who were in Christ. Then he called- those who accept.

Rec. involvement of both, caller & acceptor.

V 31. What conclusion shall we draw to these things?

God for us- who against us? God & one person makes a majority.

Proof of V. 28, for what is there that can work in successful opposition to God and his purposes.

V 32. God has done so much already for our redemption, his own son, it is a guarantee he will continue to do whatever required to gain our final salvation for us. No future sacrifice or gift so great as his son. He will not hold back because of our unworthiness, because while we were sinners he gave his son. *Rom 5:8*

In short, nothing but our own apostasy can cause us to fail of our inheritance.

V 33- WHO SHALL LAY ANYTHING TO CHARGE OF GOD'S ELECT? In judgment day, only the great Judge, Christ, will have power to condemn, no earthly power. If we believe & obey Christ, he will not condemn, but rather make intercession for us.

judge - christ acts 10:42 (foreknowledge see vs 110-111)

V 35- Listed here are "all things" of v28.

If God is for us, justifies us

Jesus intercedes for us V5 27

Holy spirit dwells within us & intercedes
WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM LOVE THAT GUARDS US SO?

Was Paul separated? 2 Cor. 11:23-28

Shall we let the things brought upon us

to school & fit us for heaven, discourage or turn us back & cause us to forfeit those honors & glories purchased for us by blood of Jesus? *Remar - 2 Tim 4:10; Col 4:14*

30 - This psalm refers to suffering of God's people, & typical of what followers of Christ would suffer for his name. *Ps. 44:22*

37.- If we donot draw back from suffering for Christ, we shall be crowned more than conquerors.

"More than conquerors" means to conquer by means of our adversaries. Not only are they overcome, but they are brought over to our side. We see the harmony of this and V 28, which shows that God indeed causes things which seem to be against us, to serve our eternal interests. *Work for good.*

V 38²⁹ Paul gives his firm conviction that (apart from the disciple's own will,) nothing could separate him from love of God, which he says is "in Christ Jesus".

v 31-39 one of most magnificent passages in Bible.

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