

# THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL

## Romans 8:18–39

Lesson 10

### FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. What thought from last week's lesson or lecture concerning God's Spirit remains with you?
  
2. *We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us* (Romans 8:37). That's right! You are a victor in Christ no matter what life throws at you. God has promised *that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose*. These assurances are just two of the magnificent victories Paul expounded on in Romans 8. This chapter has been called *The Crescendo of the Christian Faith* because it showcases the benefits and glory of our faith in Christ Jesus. Paul declared that thorough, continual, and future victory is ours through faith.

Romans 8 begins with the glorious news of *no condemnation* and builds to the ultimate climax that *nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord*. Through Christ Jesus, victory in and through *all things* is assured. From each of the following sections, record the victory that is ours through faith:

- a. Romans 8:18–25
  
  - b. Romans 8:26–30
  
  - c. Romans 8:31–34
  
  - d. Romans 8:35–39
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3. Ask the Holy Spirit to enliven your mind and heart to the great victories that are yours through Christ Jesus.

*We know that all things work together for good to those who love God,  
to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

Romans 8:28

**SECOND DAY:** Read Romans 8:18–25

1. Paul spoke of how believers may *suffer*, but will *also be glorified together* with Christ (Romans 8:17). In Romans 8:18 what did Paul declare concerning our present *sufferings*?
  - a. Link this with 2 Corinthians 4:17 and 1 Peter 4:13. How do these truths affect your perspective on suffering?
2. In Romans 8:19–22 Paul detailed the perspective of creation in relation to the coming glory of God. Note and comment on the following concerning *creation's*:
  - a. *Expectation* (verse 19)
  - b. *Subjection to futility* (verse 20 – see also Genesis 3:17b–18)
  - c. *Deliverance* (verse 21)
  - d. *Current state* (verse 22)
    - (1) Presently, what evidence do you see that *the whole creation groans*?
  - e. Read Isaiah 35:1,7 and 55:12–13. Briefly describe what the deliverance of creation will look like.
3. According to Romans 8:23a, *not only* does creation groan for deliverance, but *even we ourselves groan*. Link this with 2 Corinthians 5:2–4. List a few of your groanings.
  - a. Yet even in our groaning, we are already experiencing the *firstfruits* (or foretaste) of the Holy Spirit's work. Recount a few of the blessings, or *firstfruits*, you have already received.
4. According to Romans 8:23b, for what do we *eagerly* wait and hope?
  - a. When the Bible speaks of *hope* it means a certainty or sure expectation. What did Paul declare about this *hope* in:
    - (1) Romans 8:24
    - (2) Romans 8:25
  - b. What is your *hope* because of Christ Jesus?

**THIRD DAY:** Read Romans 8:26–30

1. According to Romans 8:26, what further blessing do we receive from the Holy Spirit?
  - a. How are you blessed by this?
2. Use Romans 8:27 to comment on the effectiveness of the Holy Spirit's intercession.
3. From Romans 8:28 record what we *know* as believers.
  - a. The Greek word for *good* is *agathos*, which means *intrinsically good, beneficial, or useful*. What *thing* in your life do you need to place in the category of *all things*?
  - b. Share a brief testimony of God working *all things together for good*.
4. Use Romans 8:29 to answer the following:
  - a. What does it mean to you that God *foreknew* you (knew you in advance)? See Ephesians 1:4.
  - b. For what purpose were you *predestined* (chosen) by God?
    - (1) Why is this important to know?
5. God has plans for each of us from start to finish. Highlight God's continual work in your life by filling in the blanks from Romans 8:30:

Whom He \_\_\_\_\_, these He also \_\_\_\_\_

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  - a. Link this with Philippians 1:6. How does this minister to you?

**FOURTH DAY:** Read Romans 8:31–34

1. Paul having declared the *hope* and victory we have by the Spirit asked, *What shall we say to these things?* According to Paul, what are we to say? Romans 8:31b
  - a. Link this with the following Scriptures and share your thoughts:
    - (1) Psalm 56:9
    - (2) Psalm 118:6
    - (3) Isaiah 54:17
2. Considering Paul's question in Romans 8:32, how did God demonstrate that He is *for us*?
  - a. Connect this with the following Scriptures and record your insights:
    - (1) Psalm 84:11b
    - (2) 2 Peter 1:3
3. Read Romans 8:33–34 (NLT) and answer the questions that follow: *Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for His own? No one—for God Himself has given us right standing with Himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and He is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.*
  - a. What adjectives would you use to describe Paul's tone concerning those who *accuse* or *condemn* the believer?
  - b. Why is our position in Christ unassailable? See also Isaiah 50:7–9.
  - c. Observe Jesus' *intercession* on our behalf (Romans 8:34). Link this with Hebrews 7:25 and share your thoughts.
4. How does today's study speak to you concerning God's heart and mind toward you?

**FIFTH DAY:** Read Romans 8:35–39

1. After asking the rhetorical question, *Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love*, Paul posed a challenge. Read this challenge from Romans 8:35 (NLT). *Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?* Why do you think this is such a challenging question for believers?
  - a. Yet what answer did Paul give to this question? Romans 8:37
    - (1) Link this with 2 Corinthians 4:8–9. What do you see?
    - (2) Share a way this truth has been lived out in your life.
2. In Romans 8:38–39 Paul declared that he was *persuaded* (convinced) that nothing could *separate us from the love of God* in Christ Jesus. From Romans 8:32–34 state why this was his persuasion.
  - a. Use the following chart to list *things* that cannot *separate us from the love of God* and then personalize this promise:

THINGS	PERSONALIZATION
<b>Example:</b> <b>Death</b>	<b>Example:</b> <b>When I die, I will be in His loving presence</b>

3. In what way has your study today *persuaded* you about the *love of God*?

## SIXTH DAY: Review

1. Note and comment on the following victories we have in Christ Jesus:
  - a. In suffering (Romans 8:18–23)
  - b. In hope (Romans 8:24–25)
  - c. By the Spirit (Romans 8:26–27)
  - d. In all things (Romans 8:28)
  - e. Lifelong (Romans 8:29–30)
  - f. Against opposition (Romans 8:31–34)
  - g. Through God's love (Romans 8:35–39)
2. Share a situation you need to commit to the Lord in order to walk in the victory already assured you.

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