

Romans 8 Bible Study January 30

Read: Romans 8:1-17

1. What does the word “therefore” indicate? What is the connection of these verses to the previous verses?
2. What is the Paul speaking about in verses 2-3?
3. What does it mean that Jesus was in the likeness of “sinful flesh”? (NIV) In what way did Jesus’ coming condemn “sin in the flesh”? VS 3
4. Who are those who “are according to the flesh”? (The unregenerate) What does it mean to set their mind on the things of the flesh? Give some examples.

What does it mean to set one’s mind on the things of the Spirit? Give some examples. Will the inner thoughts and meditations of a person come out in their actions? How? Give some verses that show us what a believer should be setting their mind on and meditating about.

Negative: James 4:4, 1 John 2:15, **Positive:** Psalms 1, Colossians 3:2, Php 4:8

5. Where do these 2 different mindsets lead?
6. What is the point of verse 7? What did Jesus say about those who weren’t for Him?
7. Can an unbeliever please God? Why not? What does the Bible say our good deeds are like in the sight of God? Isaiah 64:5-6
8. What is true of those who belong to Christ?
9. Why is it important that the Holy Spirit indwells believers? How is this different than the Old Testament? What will the Holy Spirit do for believers?
10. How does the Spirit lead us?
11. What does “spirit of slavery” mean? What does “spirit of adoption” mean? What is the difference between how a slave and how a son feels? How might their actions be different? How might their motivations be different?
12. What does it mean that we are “heirs”? What do we inherit? In what way are we fellow heirs of Christ? What condition is attached to the verse?

This seems like a strange condition, why do you think Paul mentions it? How can we suffer with Christ? How does suffering for Christ show evidence of a person’s relationship to God?

Read Romans 8:18-27

13. What kind of sufferings do we face in the present time? What glory will be revealed to us?
14. How can creation, which doesn't have a soul or a conscious mind, long for something? What does the revealing of the sons of God refer to?
15. Who subjected creation? Why?
16. In what way is creation a slave to corruption? When will it be set free?
17. What does it mean that creation is facing the pains of childbirth?
18. In the Old Testament what were the "first fruits"? What does it mean that we have the "first fruits of the Spirit"?
19. What is the main point of verses 24-25? Do you wait eagerly for the redemption of your body? Explain the importance of combining perseverance together with eagerness.
20. What does the word "intercede" mean? Why do you think it says we don't know how to pray as we should? What does the Holy Spirit's intercession on your behalf mean to you?

Read Romans 8:28-39

21. What things work out for a believer's good? Does this verse mean nothing bad ever happens to a believer

Any examples in the Bible of seemingly bad things working out for good? Joseph- Genesis, Abraham, Daniel- lion's Den, Jesus Crucifixion.

Any examples in your own life? What effect should the knowledge of this doctrine have on our daily lives? How should it change our attitude and our outlook?

22. What important truths can we learn from verse 30?
23. Paul basically asks, "What response should we have towards these truths?" (verse 31) What is your answer? What is Paul's answer?
24. Besides the Spirit, who else intercedes for us? What does this tell us about Christ's care for us?
25. Where does Paul answer the questions, he puts out in verse 35?
26. What important adverb is used to describe how large our victory is? How can we achieve this victory?
27. Paul is convinced of these things, are you? If you are convinced of them too, what effect will this knowledge have on your life? If you could summarize the teachings of this passage in one word, what would it be?