

ROMANS 5-8

Week 2

Intro:

- Our justification has always been about _____ in the promise of God.
- What does it look like to embrace our _____ in Christ in our day to day lives?
- Paul will be focusing on our second P, the _____ believers have in Christ.

Romans 5:

- We have
 - _____ with God (v1)
 - _____ to God's throne room of grace(v2)
 - **Hope** of future glory (v2)
 - **Joy** in the midst of our trials (v3-4)
 - The **Love** of God in our hearts (v5)
 - The _____ operating within us (v5).
- This position has been established not just _____ tense upon our belief but also _____ tense in the heavens beforehand.
- The _____ was our natural and spiritual head.
- The _____ is our natural, eternal, and new spiritual head.
- Under the first Adam sin reigned _____ but under the second Adam grace reigns _____.

Romans 6:

- Paul spent chapter 5 declaring what _____ happened and now he will spend the next two chapters saying what _____ happening.

- Paul is now talking about sanctification which refers to our walk with the Lord. Justification dealt with the _____ while sanctification deals with the _____.
- Paul starts off by making sure that this grace, this faith, and this passive process of justification _____ give us a get out of jail free card to live freely in our sin. (v1-7)
- Believers _____ in perpetual or unrepentant sin.
- Believers that are joined to Christ (v8-11)
 - _____ in His finished work
 - _____ themselves under obligation to Christ,
 - _____ their members as instruments of righteousness to be used by God Himself.
- In verse 17 Paul makes the point that we are _____ slaves to sin because we _____ slaves to obedience.
- Sanctification is about direction not _____.
- Paul is telling us not only should we not struggle with _____ sin but we should not have _____ sin in our life either.
- If we are _____ Chapter 5 we will _____ live out Chapter 6.

******If we take Romans 6 out of context and divorce it from Chapter 4-5 we will believe that our sanctification is our job, our work, and solely our responsibility which is NOT what Paul is teaching. *******

Romans 7:

- What is the believer's attitude toward sanctification?
 - They are _____ with Christ
 - They are _____ to Christ
 - They are _____ by the Holy Spirit!
- I was to work _____ to _____ for in that rhythm I would begin to live out that power and that victory that Paul was talking about and the Gospel promises.

- In 6:12-13 Paul talks of not _____ sin reign indicating that there is still an _____ struggle between our desire to sin and God's desire for us not too.
- In other words, the _____ Christian will understand that the closer they get to God the more they will see their _____ because the standard of perfection that God is and demands is so HIGH.
- Notice in verse 14 Paul does not say he is _____ the flesh he says he is _____ the flesh.
- Believers are not _____ the flesh because that has been crucified with Christ but they are still _____ the flesh.
- In verse 17 Paul uses the word 'no longer' which is a negative adverb of time indicating a _____ and PERMENANT change.
- There is only _____ saved person with _____ new nature just as there was once just one lost person with one old nature.
- In summary Ch. 7 is Paul's way of recognizing that we _____ struggle with sin without questioning our salvation and doubting our position we have in Christ.

Romans 8:

- The Holy Spirit _____ our sanctification
 - Because the Holy Spirit _____ on our behalf by prompting our new man's faith and by interceding on our behalf (8:1).
 - The Spirit _____ that new man from the condemnation of habitual sin (1-4)
 - Brings peace to the tension of the new man versus the still existing flesh (5-8),
 - Reminds/provides a fresh healing balm to the wounds that sin inflicts upon us (9-11).
- By reminding us we are forever _____ the result is freedom from shame and the blessing of a clear conscience before God (v15).

*****We have a comforter who intercedes for us (v34) present tense (v16) AND we have an advocate who pleads our case before not just the Judge but also shuts the mouth of Satan who attempts to bring accusations against God's predestined (v29), elected (v33), called (v30), and justified child (v30). *****

- In this section starting with verse 18 Paul wants us to _____ our eyes on Jesus and _____ that our future hope in the promise brings a peace to our current position that will empower our living.

***** When we know the character of God, trust in His promise, and look at our sufferings how Christ looks at them our situation might not change but our heart will. *****

- The Word of God as explained in Chapter 8 clearly establishes that we are
 - Predestined to be _____ to Christ image (v28-30)
 - Protected against any _____ (31-36)
 - Promised that separation from the love of God _____ occur (37-39).

Prayer for the Week:

“The first thing that I can say is the only thing that I can say before you Lord, thank you. Thank you that you saw my need before I saw it. Thank you that you made a way before I even knew there was a way. Thank you that before I could prove I was good enough or worth redeeming you redeemed me. Thank you for giving me the Holy Spirit who empowers my spiritual growth, helps me to say no, and guides me back to you as the One who enables my obedience. Thank you that you did not make my spiritual growth solely my responsibility and that you gifted me with your Holy Spirit and left me your word to transform me. Thank you for this position that I have in you because out of it I can engage the world with confidence, confront my sin with boldness, and share this wonderful message out of personal experience and humility. Thank you Lord for all you have done, all you are doing, and all you will do for me.”