

An aerial photograph of a coastal scene. The left side of the image shows dark, choppy ocean water with white-capped waves crashing against a dark, craggy rock cliff. The right side of the image shows a lighter-colored, more weathered rock cliff face with vertical sedimentary layers and some horizontal fissures. The overall lighting suggests either early morning or late afternoon, with strong highlights and shadows.

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ROMANS 8:18-30

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# **Broad Outline of the Book of Romans**

- \* Romans 1-3 - why do we need the gospel?**
- \* Romans 3-5 - how does God save guilty people?**
- \* Romans 6-8 - What does this salvation actually change?**
- \* Romans 9-11 - Can we trust God's promises if Israel has rejected Christ?**
- \* Romans 12-16 - How should people who have received this mercy live?**

# Romans 8 Changes Our Understanding

- 1-4      Ourselves → No Condemnation
- 5-11     Obedience → Spirit-Enabled
- 12-17    Relationship to God → Adopted
- 18-30    Suffering → Purposeful
- 31-39    Separation from God → Impossible

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**Romans 8:1-4 - Changes our understanding of ourselves:  
no condemnation**

**Romans 8:5-11- Changes our understanding of obedience:  
Spirit enabled.**

**Romans 8:12-17- Changes our understanding of our  
relationship to God: adopted**

**Romans 8:18-30- Changes our understanding of suffering:  
purposeful**

**Romans 8:31-39- Changes our understanding of  
separation from God: impossible**

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**Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Hebrews 12:2**

- Creation longs for glory

**For the earth will be filled with the  
knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the  
waters cover the sea.**

**Habakkuk 2:14**

- Creation longs for glory
- Christians long for glory

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty  
one who will save; he will rejoice over you  
with gladness; he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

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**2. They invite the Holy Spirit's help  
(vs 26-27)**