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**Romans 8:18-39**

There is now no condemnation to believers, as we are sons and daughters of God, having received adoption, able to cry out “Abba Father”.

The ongoing witness of the Spirit of God with our Spirit bears witness that we are the children of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.

But despite all this, there are sufferings that the believer goes through, as he presses forwards to be glorified together with Christ.

**8:18-30**     **The proclamation of transformation**

**8:18**     The Christian perspective on sufferings.

- 1) He considered “logizomoi”, means to put to one’s account, it is a word of faith.
- 2) The present sufferings are contrasted to the future glory to be revealed.  
\* The word glory “axios”, has the idea of weight or like value.
- 3) The believer is called to sufferings. 2Cor. 4:17-18, 1Pet. 1:6-7, 4:12-19, Heb. 11

- 4) The context is the section is the finality and completion of God’s work of redemption. vs. 18-29
  - a) Our glorification to be just like Jesus. vs. 18-19, 23
  - b) Our expectation of the redemption of all creation. vs. 20-22
  - c) Our sure hope by the help of the Holy Spirit to work out the purposes of God and our finalize salvation. vs. 24-30

**8:19-23**     The expectation of creation and the creature.

- 1) Creation awaits the revelation of the sons of God which are the saints of God. vs. 19
  - a) The phrase earnest expectation “apokaradikia”, means to strain forward, to stretch out the head to see something coming into sight. Phil. 1:29
  - b) The revelation is to be in the image of Jesus Christ. 1Jn. 3:1-4
- 2) The creation was subject to emptiness at the fall. vs. 20
  - a) The pronoun “Him”, refers to God, the one responsible for pronouncing the curse. Gen. 3:17
  - b) The curse made the way for the promise of hope in redemption. Gen. 3:15

- 3) At the return of the saints with Christ, He will set up the 1000 year reign, followed by the Eternal state. vs. 21  
 \* Ps. 102:26; Is. 11:6-9; 65:17; 35:1-2; 55:13; Mic. 5:3-4; 2Pet. 3:133; Rev. 20:4-6; 21:1
- a) In the 1,000 year reign, though Jesus will reign on earth and the earth and animals will be transformed as before the fall, there will still be sin and death for those who entered the Kingdom, from the Great-Tribulation.
- b) Satan will be bound for the 1,000 years in the abuzo and released at the end, only to be the instrument and instigator of the last rebellion against God.
- c) The liberty of the sons of God, is the ultimate transformation revealed glorified as Jesus and reigning with Him in the Millennium.
- d) Then the Eternal state will be brought to pass.
- 4) The creation is in labor pangs to give birth to the new world and the believer is fully aware of it. vs. 22
- a) The believer believes in the fall Adam and the consequences to all of God's creation, not evolution and chance.

- b) The believer is expecting the Coming of Jesus, not that man is going to fix this corrupt and decaying world.
- c) The creation is groaning "sustenazo" together, al the elements having been affected by the fall, labor in birth pangs together "sunodino", as a woman ready to give birth.  
 \* Both these verbs appear only one time in the New Testament.
- 5) The believer also groans within ourselves waiting the adoption of our bodies. vs. 23
- a) The groaning is for the ultimate transformation of our bodies, so the minute a Christian dies he or she is instantly present with the Lord. 2Cor. 5:1-8; Phil. 3:20-21
- b) Christ was the first-fruits then we follow. 1Cor. 15:20
- c) The bodies have a relationship, but no resemblance. 1Cor. 15:35-49
- d) God has given us the pledge or down payment, His Holy Spirit. 1Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:14
- 8:24-25** The hope of the believer is in faith.
- 1) The message of salvation proclaimed the return of Christ, the "Blessed Hope". 1Thes. 4:13-18; Tit. 2:13
- 2) The hope is in faith as salvation with certainty of the future.

- 3) The hope is not hope, if seen. Col.1:27
  - 4) The hope is characteristic of two things.
    - a) Eager waiting.
    - b) Ongoing perseverance.
- \* “Faith accepts, hope expects”, says Griffith Thomas.

**8:26-27** The help of the Holy Spirit.

- 1) The Spirit likewise helps our weakness, **singular**, we do not know what we should pray for as we ought. vs. 26
  - a) The helps means that He comes along side to aid in the work, not to do the work alone!
  - b) As the hope of his return, so the help of the Spirit in prayer gives us hope!
  - c) We are commanded and exhorted to pray in the Spirit. Eph. 6:18; Jude 20;
  - d) We can pray in our prayer language. 1Cor. 14:14-15
- 2) The Spirit makes intercession for us with groanings which can not be uttered or unutterable. vs. 26
  - a) Creation groans for restoration. vs. 22
  - b) Christians groan for glorification.. vs. 23
  - c) Comforter groans for intercession. vs. 26
- 3) The complementing work of the Spirit and Jesus.
  - a) Jesus is in heaven and the Spirit earth.

- b) Jesus is the advocate with God and the Spirit with man.
- c) Jesus intercedes at the throne of God and the Spirit in the our hearts on earth.
- 4) God searches the hearts of the saints. vs. 27
  - a) He knows the mind of the spirit .
  - b) The Spirit makes intercession according to the will of God. Ps. 139:1-4, 23-24

**8:28** The believer’s complete confidence and trust.

- 1) The fact- we know.
- 2) The extent- that all things.
- 3) The wisdom- work together for good.
- 4) The person- to those who love God and called.
- 5) The goal- according to His purpose.
  - \* There are three things going on in the life of the believer.
  - a) Intercession. vs. 26
  - b) Interaction. vs. 27
  - c) Intervention. vs. 28

**8:29-30** The process of salvation from God’s perspective.

- 1) God predestined those He foreknew. vs. 29a

- a) The word foreknew “proignosko”, means prescience, to know beforehand, those to be saved, based on God’s foreknowledge.
  - b) He predestined “proorizo” not a select few to be saved and the majority to be damned to hell, as Calvinist teach.
  - c) Six times the word predestined “proorizo” appear in the Scripture. Acts 4:28; Rom. 8:29; 30; 1Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:5, 11
- 2) God predestined men to be conformed to the image of His Son. vs. 29b  
 \* 2Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:13; Phil. 3:8-11
- a) Man has a free will to be saved.
  - b) For God to judge man justly, He must provide a chance to be saved, otherwise He would be unjust.
  - c) Christ being the firstborn “prototakos”, first in priority or pre-eminence among many brethren.
  - d) No Calvinist will admit that man has a free will, for they say God has decreed it and it can not be altered, while the bulk of humanity is rejected by God, without a chance.
  - e) Dr. Ironside declared, “Nowhere in the Bible are people ever predestinated to go to hell, and nowhere are people simply predestinated to go to Heaven. look it up and see...predestination is

always to some special place of blessing.” (In The Heaenlies:34)

- 3) Those God predestined to be conformed to the image of Christ, He called, justified and glorified. vs. 30  
 \* All indicative aorist active, as already accomplished, for God knows the end from the beginning. Is. 46:10

### **8:31-39      The proclamation of assurance of salvation.**

**8:31**      In view of all that has been said and knowing that God is for us, who can be against us?

\* Though there is no answer given, it is understood, No one!

**8:32**      In view of the fact that God did not withhold His Son, how much more will he gives us all things.

\* The lesson is from the greater to the lesser!

**8:33**      In view of the fact that God has acquitted us who dares to charge us.

\* Since God justifies the sinner. Rom. 5:1

**8:34**      In view of God’s atoning work through Christ, He is now in the place of power and intercession.

\* The answer is understood, no one! Rom.  
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**8:35** In view of God's sacrificial love,  
nothing can separate us from Christ's love.

\* None of these things or any other!

**8:36** In view of who we are we should not  
be surprised at persecution. Ps. 44:22

\* This was the history of the prophets and  
the people of God!

**8:37** In view of Christ's love we are more  
than conquerors as we yield to His love.

\* The word conquerors "hupernikao", means  
to gain the surpassing victory.

**8:38-39** In view of the power of God's love  
for us and through us there is nothing that  
can separate us from God's love.

1) Neither death nor life.

2) Nor angels nor principalities powers,  
mysterious powers of pagan beliefs.

3) Nor things present nor things to come.

4) Height nor depth.

5) Nor any created thing.

\* Nothing can separate us from the love  
of God, which is Christ Jesus!