

## Roamin' Thru Romans-Part 31

This morning, we will cover two points of our outline on chapter 8:

Now let me remind you about Romans 8:

Romans 8 may be divided into 13 major parts as follows:

- A. Condemnation (Romans 8:1-4)
- B. Carnality (Romans 8:5-8)
- C. Confirmation (Romans 8:9-11)
- D. Commitment (Romans 8:12, 13)
- E. Counsel (Romans 8:14)
- F. Children (Romans 8:15-17)
- G. **Conflict** (Romans 8:17, 18) (**Today**)
- H. **Curse** (Romans 8:19-23) (**Today**)
- I. Confidence (Romans 8:24, 25)
- J. Communion (Romans 8:26, 27)
- K. Control (Romans 8:28)
- L. Consummation (Romans 8:29, 30)
- M. Care (Romans 8:31-39)

**Subject:** "Conflict and Curse"

**Scripture Reading:** **Romans 8:17-23**

Romans 8:17, 18

The introduction of the subject of *suffering* regarding the *inheritance* of the believer leads to the amplification of the subject of *the suffering of the saints*.

Let's look at the 1<sup>st</sup> half of our sermon this morning...

### "The Conflict"

#### I. **The Explaining of This Suffering** (Romans 8:17, 18)

*"Suffer with him... the sufferings of this present time"* (Romans 8:17, 18).

The *suffering* which Paul is speaking about in this text is the suffering the believer experiences in this present life because of his identification with Christ.

#### II. **The Exaltation from the Suffering** (Romans 8:18)

*"I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us"* (Romans 8:18).

Paul gives the believer some good perspective about their *suffering*, for Christ.

He speaks of the glory from *suffering* for Christ.

The praise from the *suffering* far exceeds the pain of the *suffering*.

*"For our light affliction which is but for a moment, worked for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory"* (II Corinthians 4:17).

Our *suffering* may be great, but it will not last. However, the reward of glory will never end.

We will now explore the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of our message this morning...

### “The Curse”

Romans 8:19-23

The *curse* of sin upon all creation has brought much suffering.

This suffering includes all suffering.

#### I. The Explanation for the Curse (Romans 8:20)

*"The creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope" (Romans 8:20).*

The *curse* on creation is explained here.

**First**, the ruin in the explanation. *"Made subject to vanity."*

**Second**, the reason in the explanation.

#### II. The Experiencing of the Curse (Romans 8:22, 23)

*"The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now... not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves" (Romans 8:22, 23).*

The *cursed* influence of sin was great in its application.

The *curse* of sin was felt by the entire earth.

#### III. The Expectation in the Curse (Romans 8:19, 21, 23)

The *curse* from sin has not removed hope for restoration.

• **The passion of the expectation.** *"Earnest expectation" (Romans 8:19).*

This hope is real, vivid, strong, and fervent.

• **The patience of the expectation.** *"Waiteth" (Romans 8:19).*

The word means to patiently wait.

• **The prospects in the expectation.** *"The manifestation of the sons of God... delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God... the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:19, 21, 23).*

The freedom of salvation will be glorious.

**Closing:** So, we will stop here for today!

Do you know this Jesus that the Book of Romans so clearly teaches us about?

Do you have the Holy Spirit living inside you?

Are you dying daily to the Holy Spirit and walking “*spiritual*”?

## If not, will you accept Him today?

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