

## THE OUTLINE OF ROMANS

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| 1. SIN            | — Chapters 1-3   |
| 2. SALVATION      | — Chapters 4-5   |
| 3. SANCTIFICATION | — Chapters 6-8   |
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## MEMORY VERSES FROM ROMANS 8

*Rom. 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,*

*Rom. 8:3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,*

*Rom. 8:14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.*

*Rom. 8:15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

*Rom. 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

*Rom. 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

*Rom. 8:31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

*Rom. 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?*

*Rom. 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS  
THROUGH THE SPIRIT



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## THREE THOUGHTS FOR THIS SERIES

1. Romans 8 is the PINNACLE of the Book of Romans and, in some ways, the pinnacle of ALL Scripture!
2. The Holy Spirit is the FOCUS.
3. This chapter clarifies the PARDON and the SECURITY that all believers have IN CHRIST JESUS.

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## WE HAVE LEARNED . . .

1. That we are not CONDEMNED even though we are sinners and deserve DEATH. Instead, Christ has condemned SIN on the cross, taking AWAY its POWER over us. God did this so that we could be seen as SINLESS (Position).

*Rom. 8:4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us...*

2. That the Holy Spirit is one of the THREE persons that make up the TRIUNITY of the GODHEAD and that this Holy Spirit lives within us!
3. That we have the POSITION of perfection before God, but we are still living in the CONDITION of being in a physical body on Earth and therefore subject to sin.

4. That we are part of God's family, His CHILDREN, and therefore, we want to HONOR Him with our lives in this life while we look forward to sharing in His GLORY in the next life.

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#### ANOTHER WAY TO VIEW WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

1. Justification deals with the PAST – we were saved from the PENALTY of sin (verses 1-4).
2. Sanctification deals with the PRESENT – we are saved from the POWER of sin (verses 5-17).
3. Glorification deals with the FUTURE – we will be saved from the PRESENCE of sin (verses 18-30).

#### THE GROANING OF CREATION

*Rom. 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.*

1. Paul begins this section by “WEIGHING” (logizomai, λογίζομαι) our CURRENT sufferings against our FUTURE glory. His conclusion: you can't even COMPARE the two.
2. The whole world waits LONGINGLY (anxious and persistent expectation, apokaradokia, ἀποκαραδοκία) for the LAST days.  
*Is. 65:17 “See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.*
3. The creation is longing for the day when there will be no more DECAY, destruction, or DEATH. How did creation get to this point of frustration?

- a. Creation didn't CAUSE this.
- b. Creation didn't CHOOSE this.
- c. Creation was subjected to this state by GOD because of the SIN of ADAM.

*Gen. 3:17 To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ ‘Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.*

*Gen. 5:29 He named him Noah and said, “He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed.”*

(Note that the “creation” won't be revealed but the curse will be reversed when God's CHILDREN are revealed.)

*Col 3:4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

4. Until that day of REVEALING (apokalypsis, ἀποκάλυψις) the earth is GROANING and sighing (stenazō, στενάζω) as it waits. Despite the pain of this waiting there is HOPE since it is like the pain of CHILDBIRTH.

#### THE GROANING OF THE CHRISTIAN

*Rom. 8:23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.*

1. The next GROANING comes from believers (filled with the Spirit) who, like creation, are WAITING (apekdechomai, ἀπεκδέχομαι, used three times in these verses).
2. Our waiting is for the redemption of our BODIES. Our spirit (the real you) has already BEEN redeemed, but in the last days, your body will be changed to MATCH.  
*1Cor. 15:50 I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.*
3. While we wait we have HOPE. Hope is not “crossing our fingers” but a confident ASSURANCE in God's promises. (If you already had the new body, you wouldn't need hope!)

*Heb. 6:19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,*

#### THE GROANS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Rom. 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.*

1. To show the MINISTRY of the Holy Spirit within us, Paul describes ANOTHER groaning — “in the same way.”
2. Since we do not understand our WEAKNESSES and what is coming TOWARDS us, the Holy Spirit INTERCEDES for us with “groans.” These “groans” are not expressed in WORDS!

*Rom. 8:34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*