



SESSION 12

ROMANS 8 : 28 – 39

The Assurance and the Challenge



Summary of Romans Chapter 8

1. No condemnation in Christ Jesus

Romans 8:1-17

- *A summary of Romans 5:12 – 7:25 and its conclusion*
- *The Holy Spirit lives in the believer and gives him power*
 - *The position of the believer* Romans 8:1-11
 - *The responsibility of the believer* Romans 8:12-17

2. The coming Glory

Romans 8:18-30

- *A personal attitude of heart (V. 18)*
- *The taking away of the curse of creation (V. 19-22)*
- *The redemption of our body – our hope (V. 23-25)*
- *The Holy Spirit – our intercessor on earth (V. 26-27)*
- *God’s eternal purpose (V. 29-30)*

3. God is for us

Romans 8:31-39

- *Consequences of “God is for us” (V. 31-34a)*
- *Christ – intercedes for us in heaven (V. 34b)*
- *The Love of Christ (V. 35-37)*
- *The Grand Finale (V. 38-39)*

The Saints' Calling

Romans 8:28

A comfort for the saints at all time:

“But we do know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to purpose.”

The Saints' Calling

Romans 8: 29-30

God's eternal purpose

A chain with five (5) links – from eternity to eternity:

1. Foreknown *in eternity*

2. Predestined *in eternity*

to be conformed to the image of His Son

3. Called *in time*

4. Justified *in time*

5. Glorified *in eternity* (Hebr. 2:10)

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■ God is for us – Romans 8: 31 – 34.

The assurance:

- *The proof: God has given His Son for us! (V. 31)*
- *God's greatest gift is His own Son. He did not spare Him!*
- *God will bring **all redeemed people** to glory!*
- *God wants to give us all things “**with HIM**”, not apart from Jesus Christ.*
- *Nobody can accuse us! (V. 33)*
- *Nobody can condemn us (V. 34)*

The challenge:

- *Do we wish for something, where He cannot be included?*

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CHRIST intercedes for us – Romans 8: 34.

The assurance:

- *Christ who has died*
- *Christ who has been also raised up*
- *Christ who is also at the right hand of God*
- *Christ who also intercedes for us (in heaven) – V. 34*
- *The Holy Spirit also intercedes for us (on earth) – V. 26*

The challenge:

- *Do we appreciate the intercession for us of Christ and the Holy Spirit?*
- *Are we aware of it and do we thank God for it?*
- *Do we also intercede for our fellow brothers and sisters?*

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The love of CHRIST - Romans 8: 35 - 37

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ:

- *Tribulation:*
 - Can occur in the family, in the job, in the Assembly. The Lord will help us.
- Fear:
 - In this world, we can easily have fear and distress. Unnecessary fear is a result of a lack of confidence and trust in God. Christ will give us His peace.
- *Persecution:*
 - The world is more and more against Christ and His own. Persecution is particularly against true Christians. (See also: John 15:18).
- *Famine, Nakedness, Danger, Sword:*
 - These are life-threatening events, which can occur also to a believer. Such hazards were the experience of our blessed Lord!
 - Smyrna: Rev. 2:10: *“Be thou faithful unto death”*

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The love of CHRIST – Romans 8: 35 - 37.

The assurance:

- *Nobody and nothing can separate us from the LOVE of CHRIST.*
- *In all the difficulties, we are connected to JESUS CHRIST in heaven.*
- *HE loves us and intercedes for us.*
- *We are more than conquerors through Him that has loved us.*

The challenge:

- *For His sake we are put to death all the day long.*
- *We have been reckoned as sheep for slaughter.*
- *None of the sheep knows when it will be its turn.*
- *But in all these things we more than conquer through Him.*

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The grand finale – Romans 8: 38 - 39.

The assurance:

- *Nothing can separate us from **the love of GOD:***
 - No difficult circumstances in the world (e.g. life, things present, things to come)
 - Nothing from the invisible world (e.g. death, angels, principalities, powers)
- *The love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The challenge:

- *Do we realize for ourselves, what it says in Gal. 2:20?*
 - “The Son of God, who has loved me and given himself for me”.
- *Each trial is an opportunity to experience the love of our Lord in a new way.*
- *Let us not simply endure the difficulties with resignation, but walk expectantly through the adversity to make a new experience of His grace.*