

*Chap 8:14-30*



**ROMANS**  
GOSPEL~ROOTED LIVING

Where have we been so far?

- Greeting and Introduction of the Gospel
- All have sinned, we need the Gospel by faith
- Faith: to take God at His word and obey
- Justification by faith secures your future
- Choose to do right; sin is not your master
- Struggle is real, but victory is real and is now

Rom 8:12-13

Cooperate in Sanctification

*...but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

- Jesus expresses it this way – Luke 9:23-24

Romans 8:14 How do we know “we will live”?

*14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God  
are sons of God.*

- Led by the Spirit is proof you are God's child

Romans 8:15

God's Beloved children

*15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"*

• *Abba* – we are intimately loved sons of God

Luke 15:20-24

Romans 8:16

Assurance

*16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

- Objective & Subjective truth we are God's
  - Objective – we are His child b/c He says so
  - Subjective – hear in our hearts – Gal 4:4-7

Romans 8:17

*17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

- We will suffer w/Him – Rom 5:3-5
  - Comfort / Short Term trip / Relational pain

Romans 8:18

Inclusio (parentheses) - v30

*18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

- Present suffering reconciled by future glory
- 2 Cor 4:16-18



Romans 8:19

*19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.*

- Personified creation is awaiting its renewal which will come with the New Heavens and New Earth – (Rev 21:1-10)

Romans 8:20-21

*20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly...in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage...*

- Why does Creation waits eagerly?
- God subjected it to the curse – (Gen 3:17)

Rom 8:22

*22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.*

- Like a woman in labor – unbearable pain that is endured b/c of the promise of life

Rom 8:23

*23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves ...groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for ...the redemption of our bodies.*

- We yearn for the consummated Kingdom
- 2 Cor 5:1-4

Rom 8:24-25

Paul's encouragement

*24 ...Now hope that is seen is not hope... 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

- Hope is unseen and so is faith – Heb 11:1
- πίστις (pistis) – act in accordance w/belief
  - Hope / faith? Setting your alarm clock

Rom 8:26

*26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*

- Helps us when we do not know what to pray
- He knows us so well, He too groans

Rom 8:27

*27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

- Father hears the Spirit's prayers for us
- Spirit prays for what is in our best interest

Rom 8:28

*28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

- Supreme confidence in God's sovereignty
  - God's love + God's power = Our good



Rom 8:29-30

End of the inclusio

*29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son...<sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called,...justified, and...glorified.*

- All 5 verbs all in the past tense
- Past tense of future glory implies certainty

Summary

God, our Father loves us!

- Those led by the Spirit are God's children
- It is so and the Spirit also assures us it is so
- We are also assured we are heirs by suffering
- But all of our suffering is temporary
- And in our suffering, the Spirit prays for us
- So we can be certain God hears and saves

The Gospel      Your relationship with the Spirit?

- Don't know Him? Pray you might become His
- Profess to have received? Gal 5:22 fruit?
- Now enjoy Him?
  - Take heart in suffering
  - Labor to serve God
  - Let the world see the Spirit in your lives



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