Romans 8

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INTRODUCTION

- Romans chapter 8 is considered by some as most precious chapter in all the Bible.
- It begins with no condemnation in Jesus Christ and ends with no separation from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus.
- It gives peace and comfort to those who have troubled souls. It gives courage to the faint-hearted.

1 A Passage Quite Often Misunderstood

James 1:13–15; Philippians 4:13; 1 Corinthians 6:12

- It is not a passage that really says that human suffering will be eliminated.
- God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.
- In the good providence of Almighty God, he can take all things and work them together in such a way as to be good.

2 To Those Who Love God

1 John 5:3; John 14:15; Mark 16:15–16

- This is the love of God that we keep his commandments.
- He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. He who believes not shall be condemned.
- If you really love Jesus, you're going to obey the gospel. If you really love God, you're going to be faithful to him with your whole heart, soul, mind, and strength.

3 The Called According to His Purpose

1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:14

- There may be those who think that's exactly the way God calls, but that's not at all the way he calls.
- God wants us all saved, but not all will be saved.
- The scripture says that he calls you by our gospel.

4 What Is Good? The Context Has to Do with Salvation

Romans 8:18; Romans 8:23–25; 2 Corinthians 11

- We have to ask the question, what is good? Is good everything you desire?
- I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- We groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

5 Apparent Failures That Did Work for Good

Genesis 45:7–8; 1 Kings 19:14–18; Esther 3:5–6

- Even some stories in the Bible tell us about some apparent failures that did work for good.
- As for you meant evil against me. But God meant it for good in order to bring it about as it is this day to save many people alive.
- God didn't say, poor Elijah. He said, Get up and go to work, Elijah.
- Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this.

6 The Bitter and the Sweet Work Together

Acts 8:4; Philippians 1:12–14; James 1:2–3

- I believe the bitter and the sweet work together.
- Anything that makes us a more useful service in the master's vineyard is for good and is worth everything it costs, regardless of the price in money, toil, pain, or sacrifice.
- Persecution in Jerusalem, but the gospel was spread. He took the bad, made it good.
- The things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you looking forward to the glory that shall be revealed? Do you really love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength now? Are you a faithful child of God who is willing to tell others about your faith?

MY NOTES