

(Vs 23-27) We who live in this cursed creation do wait for this day as well, but our great resource is the Holy Spirit who lives within us and is our prayer partner.

Prayer is our resource while we live on this earth, but how often do we go to Him who is our Heavenly Father? I love my children and will do whatever I can for them. I don't think God is so different.

Saturday: Romans 8:28-39

We come to a passage that we will look at again; it is rich with its truth.

(Vs 28) It has been said this verse is a "soft pillow for the wearied head" Notice this promise to "the called according to His purpose" The following verses give us the reasoning for this.....

(Vs 29-34) Let me put it into a layman's illustration. Before my sons were born, I knew they were coming and we were ready. We had a room painted, names picked out. Etc, etc.

God knows everything, before you were saved, He knew you were coming and He is ready. He has work for you to do, you are in His plan.

Great reality = (Vs 31-32)

Great assurance = (Vs 33)

Great safety = (Vs 34)

Great Love = (Vs 35)

Great Victory = (Vs 37-39)

*This is why Paul wrote Romans 8:28. It is true for you as well.

Daily Devotions

Romans Week 3

Monday: Romans 7:1-6

If you have not done last weeks devotion you should read it and get a grasp on Romans 6 before Romans 7. It is a continuation.

Paul has just shown how we are free from sin to be joined unto righteousness. (Vs 1-4) He gives an illustration of marriage. We are dead to the law (died with Christ) so we can be "married" to Christ (Vs 4)

(Vs 5-6) The law brought death or an awareness of death (sin) into our lives. Our Christian life is not stemming from the law (letter) but the inner workings of the spirit (Vs6)

If we are saved (born of God), we are not trying to "live up" to the law, but "living out" the inner workings of the Spirit. Anything less is a works salvation.

Look at your life are you trying to live up to something or live out God's working in your heart?

Tuesday: Romans 7:7-25

In these verses Paul gives an autobiographical rundown on his life.

(Vs 7-9) Paul was a God fearing Jew trying to live up to the law. Because of the law he saw he was dead.

(Vs 10) The law that he thought would bring him life actually condemned him because it found him guilty of sin.

(Vs 11-14) Paul is contrasting the law to his state. The law is good but he is "sold under sin." This is true of all mankind, only some reject it.

(Vs 15-25) Here he speaks of the friction between the two natures. There is a constant battle.

It is a paradox to consider, but the “Christian” will see their sin clearly and the “Lost” will see a their false righteousness. This is evidence of “walking in the light” (See 1 John 1:8)

(Vs 24- 25) This is the declaration of a true Christians. It is a declaration of war against the flesh.

Wednesday: Romans 8:1-13

In Romans 8 we see the victory over the battle described in Chapter 7. Now let me stress that until we die we will have Chapt 7 days. Some erroneously say that Paul had grown spiritually from Chapt 7 to Chapt 8 and defeated sin altogether; they will say things like; “You have to get out of Chapt 7 and into Chapt 8.” Until we die we will experience the battle, but this chapter gives us the means of victory.

(Vs 1-2) We are free from the condemnation we deserve because of our sin.

(Vs 3-4) God saved us so God’s Spirit could fulfill the law’s righteousness in us.

Note: Paul is not putting righteousness away, he is showing the law cannot bring righteousness but the Spirit can!

(Vs 5-8) To be fleshly minded is death and in bondage to sin.

(Vs 9-13) If we are saved we are in the Spirit and in the same way the Spirit raised up Christ from the dead so can He raise up our sinful bodies to serve God (Vs 11)

Our responsibility (Vs 13) Our job is to “mortify” (drain of life) that old sinful nature and allow God to work bringing up a new man

What is in your life today that is “feeding” the old man?

Thursday: Romans 8:14-17

(Vs 14) Read Vs 14 a couple of times. It is a verse that is packed with truth. If we are saved we are led by the Spirit of God. If we are saved and not following the spirit this means we are making a conscience choice to ignore His leading. Paul is saying the Spirit cannot be absent from our lives if we are saved.

(Vs 15-17) We are not to live in fear of our “adoption” but if we are saved the Spirit will bear witness within us. The new nature manifests itself.

(Vs 15) We see the Aramaic word “Abba” it means “Father,” it esp. refers to a cry for help in trouble. What a great thing to have a Heavenly Father to run to in trouble.

When we are born of God there is something within us that calls out to God. This cannot be of that old sinful nature but of the new nature.

Have you told your “Abba” about your struggles? It is the great privilege of the redeemed to have a Heavenly Father.

Friday: 8:18-27

These are curious verses aren’t they? I must confess these verses have caused me to dig a bit.

(Vs 18) Paul is moving off the inner life and to the outer life. We see that the life of a Christian is a life of suffering. However it cannot be compared to what is IN us, just not revealed.

(Vs 19-22) Let me interpret these verses. “Creature” is “creation.” It is caught in “vanity” (corruption). Even the natural world we live in is cursed. It is not perfect. It is waiting for “the manifestation of the sons of God” (*the day when God’s glory will be revealed in us Re: Vs 18*)

