

Romans 8:1-25

The Book of Romans reveals how mankind continues to feel the need to “do works” to be saved.

Romans Chapter 1 reveals the unrighteous of man, and shows how degraded man becomes when he rejects God. We see it in the news everyday – murders, rapes, school shootings, etc. When you take the sanctity of life (the bible and God) out of life, society degrades.

Romans Chapter 2 reveals how man becomes self-righteous in his behavior and attitude after rejecting God.

Romans Chapter 3 reveals what God thinks of man’s attitude in His written Word.

Romans Chapter 4 and 5 brings out two men in detail whom the Jewish people are very familiar with: King David and Abraham: Law and Grace. Paul uses these two characters to get the lesson across. The temple was in place, the law was enforced, and sacrifices were going on.

Romans Chapter 6 Paul is still reiterating some of the topics we just discussed, but it so important he must to make sure we understand the concept. We’re going to get into some interesting and controversial things soon.

Romans Chapter 7 should be read by every Christian. It means absolutely nothing to someone who is not saved. This chapter means so much to Christians. It answers many questions about the battle of our old nature and new nature. It explains why we keep sinning even though we don’t want to. It explains why we can never reach a perfect spiritual state while in human form. It gives encouragement in the form of knowledge why we keep doing things of the flesh even though we now know better as Christians.

Romans Chapter 8 is very unique. It brings you to a pinnacle point of God’s word. It is very deep.

Vs1: because of the other things that Paul has been telling us in the first 7 chapters, because of all that there is no judgement to them that are in Jesus Christ. But this is talking about the judgement of condemnation to hell. There is no condemnation to hell to those who are in Jesus Christ. In this context, the word “in” means “solid, stationary, steady, grounded, in there permanently”. These people are with Jesus Christ permanently.

Vs2: the law or principal of being in Jesus Christ frees us from the law of sin. Our eternal life will live on. We now have a new nature that is not governed under the law of sin.

Vs3: Paul says over and over that the law could not save you. It only put the flesh to death. Jesus Christ had to come in the form of a man to die in the form of a man, so that we humans could see, understand, and follow Jesus Christ. He was a sin substitute for sacrifice. It is God’s program for us to believe it, accept it, and move on.

Vs4: if you walk after the flesh, you are not justified in God's eyes. You have to walk after the Spirit that is put in you after you accept Jesus Christ into your heart. Our inheritance is that when we accept the Lord into our heart, He dwells in there and we are SEALED by the Holy Spirit.

Vs5: here is the contrast between the two types of people on the earth. People who walk after the flesh want power, money, material items like houses, jewels, cars. This is death. People who walk after the Spirit are at peace with nothing.

Vs6: The people who chase the fruits of the world are not happy within themselves.

Vs7: you cannot mix the two: desires of the world and desires of Godly things. You are living for one or the other every day of your life.

Vs8: If you are living for money, you cannot please God, even if you go to church every Sunday. That's not the way it works.

Vs9: If you don't have the Holy Spirit within you, then you are not part of God's family. Period.

Vs10: If you have Jesus Christ in you, you are living. If you do not, you are a walking dead person. That's exactly the way God looks at people on this earth.

Vs11: "quicken" means "made alive". Us Christians will die, but we will be raised in Jesus Christ. We have funerals to celebrate that we will see our brethren again, glorified in Christ, not in our old infirm bodies.

Vs12: every Christian has a debt to God to not live for the world, but to chase after the Holy Spirit.

When you accept Jesus Christ into your heart, you are giving up your body, your soul, and your spirit. You are giving all control to Jesus Christ. You give up the "I want" aspect of your life. What happens to people who continue to commit sin after accepting Jesus Christ into their hearts? Well, we still have the old nature and we succumb to it now and again because we are weak. We lose rewards in heaven when we sin as a Christian. We don't lose our salvation, just heavenly rewards. Don't think you have a liberty to sin. You will pay a price for that sin.

Vs13: you have a choice: you can obey God or you can disobey God. One will breed peace and contentment and the other will breed turmoil and discontent. Just like our own children, when they listen to us all is well. When they don't listen to us, arguing and turmoil bubbles up in the home.

Vs14-15: Listen; if you're a Christian, you are a child of God. You are not a slave who is beaten down and scared to death of their master. You have been adopted into the family of God. When you were adopted as a child into a family in Rome in those times, you were given full family entitlement as if you were born from the flesh into that family. "Abba" can't be translated into English, but the best rendering we know is "Daddy". Think about this: when you become a Christian, you are entitled to call God "Daddy". But "Father" is more respectful and that's why we use it in church. But the bible says you are entitled to call God "Daddy".

Vs16: the Holy Spirit dwelling in you lets you know you are a child of God and it reminds you that you are separate from the world.

Vs17: You are a joint heir with Jesus Christ. Whatever He gets, you get, too.

Vs18: "Reckon" in the Greek is a mathematical term that means "to calculate". Paul has calculated that the sins committed on this earth are not worth risking the glory to be received in heaven. Paul says he has figured it up that the glory of God is going to be so great that there is no comparison. We are paying a small price for so great a glory by not sinning that there is no comparison.

Vs19: all of creation is dying on earth right now and is in a waiting mode to see what the sons of God are going to do.

Vs20: when Adam sinned, everything went downhill from there.

Vs21: none of this dying process will stop until the sons of God are manifested.

Vs22-23: Every one of us everyday should be anticipating the day when the sons of God will be manifested in their glorious body. All of creation depends upon it.

Vs24: "Hope" means "anticipate with pleasure". We know this glorification of nature is coming when the sons of God are manifested, but we have to wait with patience. In the meantime, we all get older, have to go to the hospital and get treated, and die. But some day the sons of God will be manifested and all this will change.