

Comments About Romans 8

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a series of brief articles to discuss chapters in the book of Romans. This week, we will talk about chapter 8.

May this project encourage you to review the valuable history found in the book of Romans.

Follow-up comments

Bible students recognize that chapter 8 is a continuation of Paul's discussion about the relationship between his carnality and the spiritual law. Notice the word *therefore* in Romans 8:1.

- The apostle Paul continued the discussion by writing about walking after the flesh and walking after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1—"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

- He mentioned that the law of the Spirit is life in Christ Jesus has made people free from the law of sin and death (verse 2). How?

- The sacrifice of the Son of God (verse 3).

Romans 8:3—"For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh."

- Paul again contrasted walking according to the flesh and walking according to the Spirit (verses 4-6).

- He mentioned that the carnal mind wars against the law of God (verses 7-8)—as he had previously mentioned in Romans 7:23.

- He mentioned that people are in the Spirit when the Spirit of God dwells in them (verses 9-10).

- He mentioned the importance of the Holy Spirit being within disciples (11).

Romans 8:11—"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit [which] dwells in you."

Sons of God

- Paul spent the next verses writing how a disciple is called a son of God (verses 12-17).
- In verse 17, he mentioned being “heirs of God” and “joint heirs with Christ.”

Suffering to glory

- Paul continued by showing how the present sufferings cannot be compared with the future glory (verse 18).

Romans 8:18—“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

- He wrote about the creation awaiting the revealing of the sons of God (verses 19-22).
- He wrote about the firstfruits awaiting the redemption (verse 23) with hope (verses 24-25).
- He wrote in a personification style about the Spirit making intercession for the disciples (verses 26-27).
- He wrote about circumstances working together for good (verse 28).
- He made some comments about predestination (verses 29-30).

Everlasting love

- Paul posed some questions that reflect God’s love for His disciples (verses 31-34).
- If God be for us, who can be against us (verse 31)?
- Since God did not spare His own Son, shall He avoid giving us all things (verse 32)?
- Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect (verse 33)?
- Who is he who condemns, considering Christ is at the right hand of God making intercession (verse 34)?
- Who shall separate us from the love of God (verse 35)?
- Paul paraphrased Psalm 44:22 (verse 36).
- Paul eloquently mentioned that nothing can separate disciples from the love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord (verses 37-39).