



# GOD IS GOOD AND SO IS HIS PLAN

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ROMANS 8

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# RECAP

- Chapter 1: Mans Predicament
- Chapter 2: Man's Devolution
- Chapter 3: All have sinned and hypocrites
- Chapter 4: Abraham is example of salvation by faith.
- Chapter 5: We all sinned "in" Adam and in same way we are saved by being "in" Christ, the Second Adam.
- Chapter 6: We are united with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection
- Chapter 7: There can be no victory over sin without union with Christ and without the indwelling of the Holy Spirit

8:1 Our Union with  
Christ Protects us  
From Condemnation  
and the Law

8:2-27 The Holy  
Spirit's Intimate  
Ministry

8:28-39 God the  
Father Has a Plan  
and It is Good  
And It Will Not Fail

Romans 8:1-39

- 8:1 (Review)

# JUSTIFIED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

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1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 8:2-27

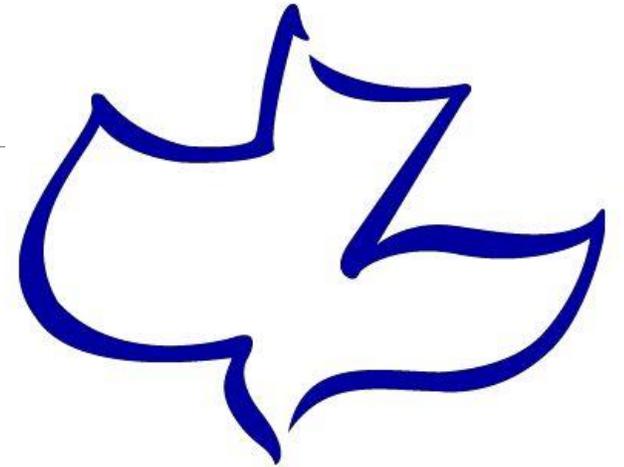
# THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INTIMATE MINISTRY

# •8:2-4 (Review)

## THE SPIRIT vs THE FLESH

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**2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. **3**... what the Law could not do, ..., God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, **4** so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in ...us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.



- 8:5-8 (Review)

## SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS OF THE SPIRIT

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**5** For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. **6** For the **mind set on the flesh is death**, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, **7** because the mind set on the **flesh is hostile toward God**; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*, **8** and **those who are in the flesh cannot please God.**

# 8:9-11 (Review)

## HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLS ALL BELIEVERS

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**9** However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed **the Spirit of God dwells in you**. ...But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. **10** If Christ is in you, .. **11**But if **the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you**, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit who dwells in you**.

# 8:12-14 (Review)

## HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US AND PUTS FLESH TO DEATH

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**12... 13...**if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.



# •8:15-17 (Review)

## HOLY SPIRIT ASSURES US WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN

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**15** For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” **16** The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

THE HOLY SPIRIT REMOVES  
OUR DOUBTS

# 8:18-23 (Review)

## *WE GROAN FOR REDEMPTION*

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

**19** For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. .... **22** For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

**23** ...even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES HOPE TO THE  
SUFFERING

# 8:24-25 (Review)

## BELIEVERS HAVE TRUE HOPE

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**24** For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he *already* sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

### MERRIAM WEBSTER

**HOPE:** to desire with expectation of obtainment or fulfillment: *I hope she remembers.hopes to be invited*

**2:** to expect with confidence :I TRUST Your mother is doing well, *I hope.*

- 8:26-27 (Review)

## **HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US PRAY AND ADVOCATES FOR US**

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**26 In the same way, the Spirit also helps our weakness;**

*for we do not know how to pray as we should,*



**but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us**

*with groanings too deep for words;*



**27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints**

- *according to the will of God.*

ROMANS 8:28-39

GOD THE FATHER  
HAS A PLAN, IT IS  
GOOD, AND IT WILL  
NOT FAIL

•8:28

## GOD THE FATHER HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

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28 And we know that

God causes

all things

*to work together*

*for good*

*to those who love God,*

*to those who are called*

*according to His purpose.*

# What Romans 8:28 Doesn't Say

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If you are mugged and robbed, 8:28 isn't promising you will get your wallet and watch back.

If you are poor, 8:28 doesn't promise you wealth.

If you are sick, 8:28 doesn't promise health.

If you are in sorrow over the death of a loved one, 8:28 isn't going to bring her/him back.

God doesn't promise us that everything we consider "good" will come to pass and the "not good" won't come to pass.

Romans 8:28 is not an excuse for human inaction.

Romans 8:28 doesn't say all things are good.

Romans 8:28 is not an algorithm ( a problem-solving procedure, the set of rules a machine or a computer follows to achieve a particular goal.

Romans 8:28 is not fate.

# Things Actually Covered by Romans 8:28

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God works together all things which includes:

1. **Your failures**
2. **Your mistakes**
3. **Your poor stewardship**
4. **Your derelictions of duties**
5. **Your lack of faith**
6. **Your inconsistency and unreliability**
7. **YOUR SINS!**

Examples of God working together sins for a greater good:

1. Jacob's being mistreated by Laban
2. Joseph being sold into slavery in Egypt
3. Joseph in prison with Pharaoh's Cabinet
4. Moses flees to desert after murder
5. Ruth, a Gentile wife of a Jew in violation of Mosaic Law becomes grandmother of David
6. David's adultery resulting in Bathsheba being an ancestor of Jesus

# 8:29

## GOD'S PLAN GOES BACK TO ETERNITY PAST

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29 **For** those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become conformed to the image of His Son,* so that He would be the *firstborn among many brethren;*



# 8:30

## **GOD NEVER LOSES ANYONE ALONG THE WAY**

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30 and these whom He predestined, He also called;

and these whom He called, He also justified;

and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

# •8:31-34A

## **WE HAVE BEEN GRANTED IMMUNITY**

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**31 What then shall we say of these things?**

**If God is for us, who is against us?**

*32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all,*

**how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?**

**33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect?**

*God is the one who justifies;*

**34 who is the one who condemns?**

•8:34B

## JESUS ALSO ADVOCATES FOR US

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Christ Jesus is He who died,  
yes,

*rather who was raised*

*who is at the right hand  
of God,*

***who also intercedes  
for us.***

# 8:35-39

## ***GOD'S LOVE NEVER FAILS***

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35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer

*through Him who loved us.*

38 For I am convinced that

neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing,

will be able to separate us from the love of God,

*which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*