

Study Questions – Romans 8:1-39

Rom. 8:1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 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 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, 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. 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.

Rom. 8:9 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, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. 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.

Rom. 8:12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³ for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but 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. 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*.

Rom. 8:18 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. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. ²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. 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.

Rom. 8:26 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*.

Rom. 8:28 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. 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; 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.

Rom. 8:31 What then shall we say to 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? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 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.

1. To what previous argument does “therefore” refer? (Rom 7) For whom is there now no condemnation? (8:1)

(DOC) What does “no condemnation” mean? What does “in Christ Jesus” mean?

2. What set you free from the law of sin and of death? (8:2)

What did God do that the Law could not do? (8:3)

3. For what purpose did God condemn sin in the flesh? According to what do we not walk/walk? (8:4)

(DOC) Explain Who “the Spirit” is and what He does? (cf. Luke 12:12; Acts 1:8; Acts 16:6; Acts 20:22; Eph 2:18; Eph 6:17; Phil 1:19; Jude 20)

(A) How do you “walk according to the Spirit”?

4. Contrast the mind set on the flesh to the mind set on the Spirit. (8:5-8)

Who cannot please God? (8:8) (A) Why do you think this is true?

5. Who is not in the flesh but in the Spirit? Who does not belong to Christ? (8:9)

6. If Christ is in you, what is dead? Why?

If Christ is in you, what is alive and why?

7. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, what happens? (8:11)

8. To what are we NOT under obligation? What must happen if you are living according to the flesh? If you are living by the Spirit, what are you doing and what will be the result? (8:12-13)

9. Who are sons of God? (8:14)

(A) How do you know if you are a son/daughter of God? What difference does this make to you?

10. What have you NOT received? What have you received? (8:15)

11. Who testifies that we are children of God? (8:16)

What are the implications of being a child of God? Who are fellow heirs with Christ? What will be the result of suffering with Christ? (8:17)

12. To what are the sufferings of this present time not worthy to be compared? (8:18)

(A) How are you suffering today? To what is this suffering not worthy to be compared? How does this encourage you in the midst of these difficulties?

13. Explain the condition of creation at this present time. From what will creation be set free? What has the whole creation been doing until now? (8:19-22)

Who else is groaning? Why? (8:23)

14. In what have we been saved? What is NOT hope? Why? For what do we hope? With what attitude do we wait for it? (8:24-25)

(A) For what are you hoping? Describe your attitude as you wait for it.

15. Describe what the Spirit is doing for us? (8:26-27)

(A) When have you experienced the Spirit Himself interceding for you with groanings too deep for words?

16. What does God cause to work together for good? For whom does God do this? (8:28)

Who did God predestine to become conformed to the image of His Son? For what purpose? (8:29)

What does he also do for these whom He predestined? (8:30)

17. How does Paul respond to the following questions:

“If God is for us, who is against us?” (8:31-32)

“Who will bring a charge against God’s elect?” (8:33)

“Who is the one who condemns?” (8:34)

“Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?” (8:35-39)

(CON) Why does Paul quote Psalm 44:22?

18. What do you learn about God in Rom 8:1-39? How could you apply this truth to your life?

Write a prayer response to Rom 8:1-39.