

A Commentary on the Book of Romans – Volume 4



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Romans Lesson #32

Romans 7:1-6

Remember, dying to self: Dying to the natural impulses of fulfilling our rights and expectations. **Galatians 5:13.**

Romans 7:1: “Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law...”

He expects you as a New Testament believer to be familiar with the law. Because there are some things you cannot understand in the New Testament unless you see the foundation. The word law shows up in **Romans 7** twenty-three times.

Now, **Romans 6**. What would you title it? Victory over Sin. **“Let not sin reign in your mortal body.” Romans 6** is idealistic. When you get to **Romans 7** it is realism. Why?

Because **Romans 6** says that it is possible it has been done, it has been provided. In **Romans 6:14-23**, you see I, I, I, I, I constantly. You also have me and my. **Romans 7:24: “O wretched man that I am...”** What he is saying in **Romans 7**? If you try to put it into practice, you will fall on your face if you try to do it in the power of the law. **Romans 8** is the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 6 tells you how to get victory over sin. If you do it in the power of your flesh, you will fall even though you have the right doctrine. **Romans 7** discusses the law and explains that if you try to do it in the power of the law, you will fall on your face. **Romans 8** teaches us how to live in the power of the Holy Spirit. You need **chapter 7** to

understand victory.

Romans 6 shows you how to stop doing bad things.

Romans 7 is how not to do good things in the power of the flesh by the law; you need to do it in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 7:1

Is the man in the grave worried about breaking the law? No, he is not worried about it at all.

Romans 7:2: Mark the word "hath."

Do you know the marriage law is a contract? It is a covenant. You make a covenant before God and between each other and before people. When you get married, you have witnesses that hear you say, "I do." It is a binding contract.

Romans 7:1: *"...how the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth."*

Romans 7:2: What does it mean, *"...she is loosed from the law of her husband"*?

It means if her husband dies, she is loosed. She is free and released to do what? To get re-married.

Romans 7:3

That is not where they had two ceremonies and become polygamists. You get married to two wives. Notice, *"So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress:"*

I do not think she went out and had a ceremony. I think she stepped out on her husband because marriage is a physical union (I taught that in **Genesis 2**).

Romans 4 & 5 says, ***"We are not under the law but under grace."***

Romans 7:1: ***"Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?"*** **Romans 7:2:** ***"For the women which hath a husband is bound by the law to her husband..."***

So, if my wife and I are saved by grace, is she still bound to me? Yes! Though we are under grace, it says we are.

Romans 7:2-3: Let's study this a little bit.

Deuteronomy 24: Remember, ***"Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak unto them that know the law,)..."***

Deuteronomy 24:1: ***"When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness..."*** What kind of uncleanness? It does not say.

Verse 2

Do you think she committed fornication? No, because in the Bible, if you committed adultery or fornication, you were put to death. Watch this: it says he found some uncleanness. **Verse 2:** you ask, "Is that true today?" No. You say, "Well, it just said so."

Deuteronomy 24:3: Circle the word uncleanness in

verse 1. Verse 3 says ***“And if the latter husband hate her...”*** That means the second husband. Did she commit adultery or fornication? No. **Verse 3:** circle the word hate.

He just got upset. Hate matches up with some uncleanness.

Deuteronomy 24:3-4

Paul says: ***“I speak to them that know the law...”***
We have to go back and read what the law says.

Matthew 19:3: Do the Pharisees have the right motive? No, they are not honest skeptics. Notice, ***“...Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for any cause?”***

According to **Deuteronomy 24**, some uncleanness; he found no favor in his eyes. The latter husband hated her. He did not commit adultery. So, the Pharisees are tempting Him. But the Pharisees have a point. They said is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

Matthew 19:4

You know what Jesus Christ did? He took them to before Deuteronomy, all the way back to **Genesis 2**.

Matthew 19:4-5

When they come together, they become one flesh: that is marriage in God’s sight.

Matthew 19:6-7: Where was that at? **Deuteronomy 24.**

Matthew 19:8: ***“He said unto them, Moses because***

of the hardness of your hearts suffered you...” Suffered means allowed.

Matthew 19:8: *“...but from the beginning it was not so.”*

Matthew 19:9

So, there is a qualifying clause here: *“...except it be for fornication...”*

Matthew 19:9

You know what it was in the Old Testament? *“...she found no favour in his eyes...”* He found some uncleanness in her... You say, “What?” It was not adultery because she was allowed to go out and get re-married. Her latter husband just hated her.

They ask Jesus, “Is it lawful to put away a wife for every cause?” He said, “I am going to restate that.” You can divorce her for one reason: fornication or adultery.

There are three reasons for re-marriage:

1. Death (**Romans 7**)
2. Desertion of the unsaved party.
3. Unfaithfulness.

Matthew 19:10

You know, in the Old Testament, you could flippantly get married. You could marry a girl and say, “I kind of like her.” You find some uncleanness, no favor in your eyes, and hate her; though, you could get rid of her and be

off the hook. Ladies, Jesus blessed you right there.

Matthew 19:10

That is a right statement: You better had find one you really love. Marriage is a binding covenant for life. ***“Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.” “If thou art bound unto a wife seek not a wife.”***

1 Corinthians 7 & Romans 7 states it is futile to keep the commandments of God in the power of the flesh. The law does not save you or keep you saved. Keeping the law does not even make you spiritual. You need the power of the Holy Spirit.

A Christian is under the law unto Christ.

1 Corinthians 7:39: ***“The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth...”***

In **Romans 7 & 1 Corinthians 7**: a saved woman and a saved man are under the law, a binding contract, a covenant of marriage.

1 Corinthians 7:39

1 Corinthians 6:16: ***“What? Know ye not that he which is joined to a harlot is one body?”***

Is that a wedding ceremony? Yes or no? No! That is flesh joining flesh.

1 Corinthians 6:16

It is not a ceremony that consummates a marriage

1 Corinthians 6:17: ***“But he that is joined unto the Lord***

is...” What? “...one spirit.”

Brother, when I got saved, I got married to the Lord.
1 Corinthians 6:17. Then, notice the first two words in **verse 18: “Flee fornication...”**

You know why you are to flee fornication? Because flesh joining flesh consummates a marriage. We think a ceremony means a marriage, but not so in the Bible. That is why fornication is so dangerous, and you are not to fool with it. You are not to think about it. You are to flee fornication.

1 Corinthians 7:11

If you are going to separate, you are going to have to stay unmarried unless there is fornication involved.

1 Corinthians 7:12-15

The Bible says, ***“As much as lieth in you live peaceably with all men.”***

Romans 7: We studied the law of marriage. You had to know that if you are going to see some things in this chapter.

Romans 7:1-3

I do not believe the ceremony took place there. **1 Corinthians 6:16: “What? Know ye not that he which is joined to a harlot is one body? for two, sayeth he, shall be one flesh.”**

Write next to **verse 3: she steps out on her husband.**
There is no ceremony in **verse 3.**

Romans 7:3

Here comes the application:

Romans 7:4: "Wherefore..."

In other words, having all that under your belt.
"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also..."

You see having these marriage laws in mind.

Again, ***"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are dead..."*** Just like the husband died. ***"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are dead to the law by..."*** What? ***"...the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another..."***

Everybody that is saved is married to another. Why? The old man died! Are old man is crucified with him. **Colossians 2** talks about the circumcision of Christ—cut loose the body of the sins of the flesh. Brother, before I got saved, my soul and my body were stuck together. The two shall be one flesh. The circumcision of Christ my soul was cut loose from my body of flesh. Not only that my body died. That is the moment I became engaged to Jesus Christ.

Romans 7:4: *"That ye should be married to another..."* Who? ***"...even him who is raised from the dead..."*** Why get married?

Not just for companionship, not just to satisfy the flesh, not just to help pay the bills. You get married (**verse 4**), ***"...that we should bring forth fruit unto God."***

The first thing God said to Adam and Eve was to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. We are married to Jesus Christ that we should bring fruit unto God.

In this illustration, my soul is female, and my body is male. For a woman, her soul is female, her body is male. Why? Because your body died the split second you got saved.

The Bible says, ***“He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit.”***

Before I got saved, I had a live body, a live soul, and a dead spirit. The Bible says, ***“Ye who he hath quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins.”*** I was spiritually dead, I became spiritually alive, the body died, I was joined to the Lord.

Romans 7:5: “For when we were (past tense) in the flesh...” Were means before you got saved.

Romans 7:5: Who are we to bring fruit unto? God.

Before you got saved, you brought forth fruit unto death. That means the law had control of the flesh. The law stirred up sin in us.

Romans 7:6: “But now...” there is a change.

Circle two words in **verse 6:** delivered and serve.

You have been set free; you have been loosed; you have been liberated. You have been delivered. You are not delivered to live any way you want. You were delivered to serve in newness of spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

This is the only time spirit is mentioned in **Romans 7**. The next mention of the spirit is in **Romans 8**. The law is in this chapter twenty-three times.

He is giving you a hint about what **Romans 8** is about.

Romans 7:6: *"...Oldness of the letter."* The letter means law.

2 Corinthians 3: Do not live for God in the power of the flesh.

2 Corinthians 3:5-6, 17

Romans 8:2-3, 4

Romans 7:4

By the way, if you make your marriage all about your kids, you destroy your wife/your husband. My wife is before my kids; my husband is before my kids.

I am not bound by the law by my kids. I am bound to the law by my wife, my first love. If our relationship is good, we will have fruit. I am married to another that I may bring fruit unto God.

It does not say that the law died.

Romans 7:6: *"...we should serve in the newness of the spirit, and not the oldness of the letter."*

Do not try to keep the law by the law because the righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. Say, "God, I cannot do it!" God says, "I know you cannot." God says, "Do you want my Spirit? You need filled." We are to serve in newness of Spirit. That is why every Christian needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is just not for preachers. Every mom and dad

needs filled with the Holy Spirit. The Bible says, ***“The fruit of the spirit is love joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness...”*** The Bible says, ***“Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess but be ye filled with the spirit.”*** We need to pray for God to fill us.

Lesson 32 Questions

1. As New Testament believers, we do not have to be familiar with the law because it does not apply to us.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. What would be a good title for Romans 6?
 - a. "The Reign of Sin"
 - b. "Victory over Sin"
 - c. "Understanding my Sin"
 - d. None of the above
3. Romans 8 talks about:
 - a. Victory over sin
 - b. Power of the law
 - c. Power of the Spirit
 - d. All of the above
4. Marriage is a _____ union.
 - a. Spiritual
 - b. Physical
 - c. Ceremonial
 - d. Hypocritical
5. When the Pharisees asked Jesus about marriage/divorce, what Scripture did Jesus quote?
 - a. Genesis 24
 - b. Exodus 24
 - c. Leviticus 24
 - d. Deuteronomy 24
6. What is/are reason(s) for remarriage?
 - a. Death

- b. Desertion of the unsaved party
 - c. Unfaithfulness
 - d. All of the above
7. In the Old Testament, marriage was _____, while in the New Testament, marriage is _____.
- a. Binding, flippant
 - b. Flippant, binding
 - c. Temporary, permanent
 - d. Permanent, temporary
8. We are to get married in order to:
- a. Satisfy the flesh
 - b. Find companionship
 - c. Bring forth fruit unto God
 - d. Obey God
9. Your relationship should be all about:
- a. Physical gratification
 - b. Your spouse
 - c. Your kids
 - d. Emotional companionship
10. We have been set free to live any way we want.
- a. True
 - b. False

Romans Lesson #33

Romans 7:7-14

We will talk about the law.

“What shall I say then? Is the law sin?”

We can get mad at the law and say, “That it is not right.” You know why we do not like it? Because we all have broken it. We try to find fault with the law, then with the one who broke it. We try to find fault with the law and say, “That is not right.” God asks, ***“Are not my ways equal, are not your ways unequal?”*** You see that in **Ezekiel**.

The idea is that we want to shift the blame. As soon as we have a head on collision with God and the Bible, we realize how sinful we really are. “Well, I do not agree with that. Well, I do not see it that way.” Then we are condemning the law. In reality the law is to condemn us. We are in no way to condemn God’s perfect law. The trouble is us and we are so quick to shift the blame and pass the buck and not take responsibility for our actions.

“...Is the law sin? God forbid...”

The problem is not the law God forbid. ***“Nay, I (Paul)...”*** Who wrote 1/2 the New Testament? Paul is about to confess to us the thing he was guilty of. That the Holy Ghost put the finger on in Paul’s life to bring about conversion—to make him one of the greatest apostles that ever lived. Notice, ***“...Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law...”***

The law reveals our sin. A lot of people say, “I am not

going to church. I am not reading the Bible. The Bible is supposed to make you feel dirty so that you have a need of the Savior. A need to be cleansed and forgiven. There are a lot of people who would get saved if they knew they needed it. The trouble with most people they do not even know they need a Savior. So, the Bible must do its work, showing people that they are dirty. We do not like to be told we are dirty, unclean, and not right. My dad says, "If you want to make enemies, just tell people they are wrong."

Verse 7: "*For I had not known lust...*"

When we see "lust" we think of one thing. What is it? Sex. Lust does not always mean sexual immorality or impurity. Notice, "*...for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.*"

Coveting is wanting something you see in a store or on T.V. Which of the ten commandments said, "Thou shalt not covet"? The tenth one.

Paul said, "I have not known sin." Paul's heart was rock hard. The law convicted him of sin and showed him his need of the Savior. The sin that convicted Paul's life was a private secret— a sin of covetousness.

Lusting after things; not just sexual immorality. Coveting leads to all kinds of sins. If you covet something, you might steal something. All thieves and crooks have coveted. You can covet a ministry. You can put up a front and lie and say, "I did not do it." Listen, you are bearing false witness. That sin of covetousness led to stealing and lying. Coveting can lead to idolatry. You can covet your neighbor's wife or husband. Covetousness leads to all kinds of sins. It

is almost the root sin. The Bible says, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

So, if we put something up in competition with God, or we love something as much as God, **Colossians 3:5** says that covetousness is idolatry. Covetousness is worse than what we think it is.

Covetous can lead to breaking the Sabbath. You are to be faithful to the Lord’s Day. You are to reverence it. It is one thing if you work on Sunday, but it is another thing if you want to work on Sunday.

Romans 7:7

Covetousness is an inward attitude that leads to breaking other commandments. Somehow that thing got Paul.

Matthew 19: When you begin to witness to people, they say, “Well, I never killed anybody, or committed adultery.” They think that they are alright because they have not broken these momentous commands.” The Bible says, ***“Whosoever keep the whole law and yet offend in one point is guilty of all.”*** Because ***“...sin is the transgression of the law,”*** Paul did not say murder. He said covetousness. God arrested his attention.

Matthew 19:16-17: ***“Keep the commandments...”*** If the man would have already been doing that, we would not have asked Christ what He would have to do because his conscience would have been cleared. The man did not have peace.

The guy said, ***“What must I do to inherit eternal***

*life?” He said, “**Keep the commandments...**” Or, in other words, “Pass the salt!” Which ones? How good do you have to be? Perfect! If you want to go to heaven by good works, you have to live a perfect life and not sin once. All lost people believe that it is salvation by works.*

Matthew 19:18: He said, “*which*”

Matthew 19:18-20: He got through that part of the test.

Matthew 19:21: *“Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect...”* What did Jesus say in **Matthew 5**? He said, *“Be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect.”*

Matthew 19:21

He said, “Go and get rid of your possessions.” Jesus Christ knew what that man’s sin was. He loved things. His life revolved around accumulating possessions. The more you get, the happier you are. Christ put his finger right on it.

Matthew 19:22

Guess what this man’s sin was? Covetousness.

Do we have to sell our house and our car to get saved? What Jesus is asking is, “Are you willing to admit that sin in your life?” This man went away sorrowful. Which implies that he did not get saved.

Matthew 19:23-26

They said, “Wait a minute, then who can be saved?” If it is, “keep the commandments.” With men it is

impossible = you cannot do it. He said with God it is possible.

Matthew 19:26

That man's sin was covetousness just like Paul's.

Romans 7:7-8: "But sin..."

It is not the church's fault, and it is not the Bible's fault. The problem is sin.

Romans 7:8

Here is an illustration:

If you get into an elevator, and on that elevator it says, "Wet paint. Do not touch." What do you do? How many would put their finger on the wet paint? Do you know why you did that? Because something down in you says, "I am not going to hurt anything, I will touch it real easy."

Romans 7:8: Concupiscence means evil workings stirred up in you. It is like feelings and emotions to do something you are told not to do.

"For without the law sin was dead." That means inactive.

Romans 4:15

"The law worketh wrath...where there is no law there is no transgression." If there was no law, you would not be tempted to touch the wet paint.

Romans 5:13

Romans 7:8: “...For without the law sin was dead.”

Romans 7: “For I was alive without the law once...but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.”

How could Paul be writing that if he were dead? He did not mean physically dead; he meant spiritual death. When you die spiritually, you pray and nothing happens, you read the Bible and it does not mean anything, nothing happens inside.

Romans 7:9: “For I was alive without the law once...”

Have you ever seen a little baby? 1-2-3-4-year old. Their eyes are pure. They can look a hole right through you. Everyone likes a little baby, but all of the sudden, when they turn seven, eight, or nine, something happens, and the lights go out. It is like their eyes are glazed over. All of the sudden, they look mischievous, devious. Then, all of the sudden, you think: “That kid is up to something.” You can see it.

Romans 7:9: “For I was alive without the law once but when the commandment came...”

This talking about before the age of accountability. That means if I was to die when I was five years old, I probably would have gone to heaven. Why? Because I was alive spiritually. You ask, “What if I was in the wrong church?” I was still saved because I was innocent.

Romans 7:9: “...sin revived, and I died.”

You see, he is spiritually dead, and that is why Jesus Christ said, "Ye must be born again." Because Paul was dead. There was something missing in his life. When I got born again, my body did not get born again, my spirit did. My fellowship with God was broken before I got saved, my spirit died. Sin revived, and I died. I died spiritually.

Romans 7:10

He said that the purpose of the law was life. If you kept every one of the commandments, you go to heaven.

Romans 7:10: Let me show you that commandment be unto death.

Romans 10:5: If ye shall do those commandments ye shall live. Notice, ***"For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law..."*** Talking about the righteousness of the Old Testament = Do and live. What is the righteousness of the New Testament? Believe and Live. Do we have to keep the law to be saved in the New Testament? No, you have to believe the law. The man that doeth those things shall live by them.

Romans 7:10-11: What is the problem? What are the first two words in **verse 11: "For sin..."**

The problem is not the church, the problem is not the Bible. The problem is your sin.

Romans 7:11-12: The problem is not the law; the problem is the flesh.

Romans 7:13: ***"Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid, But sin..."***

It is sin's fault. We like to point the blame at the church: "I do not like church." "I do not like the way that preacher preaches the Bible." If all you felt up to a point is dirty and unclean, you do not go far enough. The law was trying to show you the need of a Savior. You back out too soon. You quit too quickly.

Romans 7:13: *"...But sin, that it might appear sin..."*

You know we try to minimize them. We try to say, "Well, those are mistakes. It is a flaw in my character. It is a weakness." God does not want us to see that! God does not want us to play down sin. He wants sin to APPEAR SIN.

"Well, I am guilty, but I do not want to go to hell."

God gave the law that sin may appear sin.

Romans 7:13: *"Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid, But sin that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful."*

You say, "I am not that bad." I knew I was bad, but I feel worse now than ever. People say, "I do not like this church." Do you know how people choose churches? People choose churches if it makes them feel good. Well, do you like that church? I like that church because it makes me feel good. You do not pick a church on a feel-good basis. He said, "The law was given that it might appear sin." That sin by the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. You say, "I really feel bad." Praise the Lord.

Romans 5:20: *"Moreover the law entered, that the*

offence may abound...”

The purpose of the law was to make your offense become bigger. We try to play it down. It is a weakness; it is a mistake.

Romans 5:20

No matter how bad you are, God’s grace can reach down and touch you.

Romans 7:13: Remember that the law is revealed what is already there.

1. The first thing the law does is stop your mouth. It takes away all your excuses.

Romans 3:19

2. The law was to show you that you are guilty.

Romans 3:20

3. By the law is the knowledge of sin.

Galatians 2:19: ***“For I through the law am dead to the law...”*** Verses 20-21.

“If righteousness came by the law then Christ is dead in vain.”

If you are saved by good works, then why did Christ die? If you are saved by works, then Christ’s death was a tragedy.

Galatians 2:21: He died because you could not live the perfect life. He atoned for the sins we committed. He

paid for our sins and fulfilled the commandments of Gods holy law.

Galatians 3:10: ***“...Cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things...”***

That means, if you do not do all things the Old Testament tells you to do without one mess up, you cannot be saved. You are cursed.

Galatians 3:19-21

Everybody keeps blaming the law, blaming the church, blaming the Bible; but the problem is sin: your own defilement.

Galatians 3:21

The law cannot give you life. Why? None of us are able to keep the whole law.

Galatians 3:22-24: The law was the school master that brings you to Christ.

Lesson 33 Questions

1. The law is to _____ us.
 - a. Save
 - b. Bless
 - c. Scare
 - d. Condemn
2. Who wrote half of the New Testament?
 - a. Peter
 - b. Paul
 - c. John
 - d. None of the above
3. What does lust mean?
 - a. Sexual Immorality
 - b. Covetousness
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
4. Covetousness is as _____.
 - a. Idleness
 - b. Idolatry
 - c. Indecency
 - d. Idealism
5. If there was no law, then _____.
 - a. We would be more tempted
 - b. We would not be tempted
 - c. We would sin less
 - d. We would sin more
6. Righteousness in the Old Testament is:
 - a. Do and Live
 - b. Believe and Live

7. Righteousness in the New Testament is:
 - a. Do and Live
 - b. Believe and Live
8. The first thing the law does is:
 - a. Stop your mouth
 - b. Show your guilt
 - c. Give you the knowledge of sin
9. The law can give you life.
 - a. True
 - b. False
10. The law is our:
 - a. Righteousness
 - b. Witness
 - c. Schoolmaster
 - d. Salvation

Romans Lesson #34

Romans 7:14-25

Here, Paul is talking about a dual personality. Anybody that is saved is two people. You have the old man and the new man. You have the old nature and the new nature. They are opposite in nature. They conflict. Have you ever had an argument with yourself? You are like a schizophrenic. There is a dual personality in the believer. The two natures are struggling. **Romans 7:23: “But I see another law in my members warring...”** There is a battle; there is a struggle. There is a fight. There is a fight over good and evil. Self (I, me, my) is found in **verses 14-24** thirty-six times. The word spirit is just 1 time in this chapter (**Romans 7:6**). That is why there is failure and defeat in **chapter 7**. That is very important.

Because in **chapter 8**, “Spirit” shows up twenty-one times. That is very important. You have “self” in here thirty-six times. In **chapter 7**, the word “law” shows up twenty-three times.

If you try to keep the law in the power of the flesh, you will fail. If you try to do good in the power of the flesh, you will make a mess out of your life. In **chapter 6** it was how to stop doing bad things. In **chapter 7**, we were taught how not to do good things in the power of the flesh. You are to do things in the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you are trying to keep the law in the power of the flesh, you are going to do it by rules and regulations. If you are trying to keep the law in the power of the flesh, that is outward, and you become a pretender and then you either

quit, or you come hard and critical.

Romans 7:14: ***"For we know the law is spiritual..."***

That is not the Holy Spirit. It is talking about the law being spiritual. We have a spiritual hymn book. But is that the Holy Spirit? Are singing maybe spiritual but it may not be the Holy Spirit?

What else is the Law? **Romans 7:12:** the law is holy, just, and good. **Verse 14** says it is spiritual. The is good but by nature I am bad.

Romans 7:14

You take the word carnal. Carnivorous is flesh-eating. So, when he says, "I am carnal," he is saying, "I am still trapped in this body of flesh." A carnal person can be a Christian.

Romans 7:14: ***"...carnal sold under sin..."***

When you sin, you actually bargain with sin. You think when you sin you are going to be better off? When you give yourself to sin in that moment, you are making a trade. You think it over; you deliberate. You say, "I am going to do it."

You know why we sin? We do not sin because we think we are going to hurt ourselves. We sin because we deceive ourselves, and we think we are going to be benefited by sinning. It is an unfair trade it is a bargain. You are getting a lemon every time you sin.

Romans 7:14

When you sin, you are putting sin as your master. You are underneath it. When you get a whole bunch of sins in your life guess what happens?

If you are underneath and those sins keep piling up, you are sold under sin. Sin starts getting heavy. It becomes a load, and it becomes a burden. It is a weight. Notice: ***“...sold under sin.”***

1 Kings 21:20

Ahab sold himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord. That means he decided that sin did not work death. He decided that the wages of sin would benefit him. He sold himself to work wickedness.

Sin is a burden.

Romans 7:14

Romans 8:3: “For what the law could not do, in that it was *weak through the flesh*...”

Is the problem the law or our flesh? It is our flesh.

Romans 8:3-4

The only way you can keep the law is by the Holy Spirit. Your flesh is incapable of doing right. Paul says, ***“In my flesh dwelleth no good thing.”***

Romans 8:7: You cannot live the Christian life.

You must have the Holy Spirit. You must several times a day say, “Lord, fill me with the Holy Spirit.” God said, “I would but you are so full of other things.” You need to be

empty of self. He must increase I must decrease.

Romans 7:14-15: “*For that which I do I allow not...*”

Can you be honest? Do you find yourself in the majority of time doing wrong or doing right?

How many find the majority of time doing wrong?
How many find the majority of time doing right?

Romans 7:15

He says, “*I permit something, but it happens anyhow.*”

Romans 7:15

The things I want to do, I do not do. There are things I wish I would not do. Do you know some things you wish you would do?

- You wish you would pray.
- Read your Bible.
- Witness and street preach.

Romans 7:15: “*...but what I hate, that do I.*”

What part of Paul hated? The old nature or the new nature? The new nature hates some things. You say, “I am not supposed to hate anything.” You are supposed to hate some sins. The new nature in you placed by God is supposed to hate sin and get serious about dealing with them.

Romans 7:15: “*...but what I hate, that do I.*”

Jealousy, envy, pride, covetousness, laziness. Do

you hate laziness?

You say, "I do not think the new nature that is given by God is to hate anything."

Hebrews 1: Your new nature is to hate some things.

Hebrew 1:8: Look what the Father calls the Son:
"...the Son...O God..."

Verse 9: ***"...the Son loved righteousness and hateth Iniquity..."*** Because he hateth iniquity, God filled Him with the Holy Spirit like he has never filled any of us. Jesus Christ hated iniquity.

Psalms 97:10: ***"Ye that love the Lord, hate evil..."***

That is why some Christians do not get victory over sin. They do not hate sin. They do not hate evil. They do not battle against it.

Romans 7:15-16

My badness proves the Bible to be right.

Verses 16-17: ***"It is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me."***

He said, "It is no more I that do it." The "I" refers to the new nature, but sin that dwelleth in me = the old nature. There is no contradiction there.

Romans 7:17

There was a convict that got up in front of the judge for murder, and he was found guilty. If you are found guilty, they will ask, "Do you have anything to say?" The judge is

very smart; the man is mad because he has just been found guilty. Then, the convict blurts out a bunch of obscenities. The judge gives him life in prison, but if the man who is found guilty says, "I am sorry judge." He shows some remorse, and the judge will give him the lighter sentence. Brother, I have seen it.

Let us say that guy gets up there and says, "Judge, it was not me that did it. It was my flesh that did it. My body did it." The judge says, "I will just put you to death in your flesh."

Romans 7:17

"But sin..." is in the entire Bible six times in the entire Bible, four times in this chapter: **verse 8, verse 13, verse 17, and verse 20.**

Romans 7:17-18

If you do not agree with **verse 18**, you will never get victory over sin.

Your flesh did not want to come to church tonight.

Your flesh did not want to pray. "Have to work over here; I have to finish this up." God says, "You ought to sit down and read the Bible. Why do you not give that guy a tract? You hear that voice in you saying, "You need to do that!" Your flesh says, "No! I have already talked to three people today."

Romans 7:18 & John 6:63: *"Your flesh profiteth nothing..."*

Philippians 3:3: You are to have no confidence in the

flesh.

Get a hold of that—you are not to have any confidence in the flesh.

Romans 7:18

You cannot trust who you look at in the morning. You cannot trust those hands; you cannot trust those eyes; you cannot trust those feet because the things you are supposed to do. That flesh does not want to do it. There is a battle going on.

Romans 7:18

Galatians 5: I want you to see this conflict.

Galatians 5:16: ***“Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”***

Verse 17: ***“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh...”*** That is warring.

“These are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things ye would.”

Your flesh is your hinderance. In your flesh dwelleth no good thing. You are not to have confidence in the flesh. Your flesh profiteth nothing.

Galatians 5:17

You cannot live the Christian life. What are you talking about? I am talking about your flesh. Anytime you do right who gets the glory? God does. We do not have any room to get proud. There is not one good thing you have

done.

Galatians 5:18-19: ***"The works of the flesh are manifested..."*** Going to church, reading your Bible, praying, tithing. Is that what he says?

"The works of the flesh are manifested..." Do you see anything good your flesh can do? Why the flesh is not capable of doing anything good.

Galatians 5:19-21: ***"...and such like..."*** It is just a partial list.

Galatians 5:21

Galatians 5:22: ***"But the fruit of the Spirit is..."*** What? ***"...Love..."*** You cannot love right in your flesh. You say, "I am not a loving person." The reason is because you are trying to love people in the flesh. "You know, I just do not have joy or peace..." You are trying to manufacture it. The Holy Ghost has to give you love. The Holy Ghost has to give you peace. You say, "I cannot put up with so and so." The Holy Spirit is longsuffering. You know how you can put up with your boss, your wife, your Pastor, your kids, or your parents? You need the Holy Spirit to do it, or you are going to bicker, fight, and envy. The reason is you cannot do the things you would in the flesh.

The Holy Ghost has to do it, or it is not going to get done. ***"The fruit of the Spirit is gentleness..."*** Husbands are not gentle to our wives because we are trying to be gentle in the flesh. The fruit of the Spirit is not just for preachers it is for every Christian.

Galatians 5:22-23: ***"...against such there is no law..."***

There is no law against doing right! The trouble is my flesh cannot or does not do it. God has to do it through me.

Philippians 2: & Romans 7:18: “For to will...” (Circles those words) For to will is the willingness in the heart of the believer to do right. **Romans 7:18: “For to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.”** How to perform, we know what is right, we know what’s wrong, we don’t do what is right, and we do what is wrong. We mess up. God, I am willing to do right; but God, I keep messing up. How can I perform what is right? **Romans 8** the Holy Ghost.

Romans 7:18: The Bible says, “***The Spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.***”

Matthew 26:41: Lord, I want to do right, but I am not doing right. I should be doing this. I should not be doing this, but I am! Lord, I am willing

Philippians 2:13: “For it is God which worketh in you both to will...” He says to will. He for to will is present with me. You know where that willingness came from? It came from God. He places in you the Holy Ghost which cries out, “Abba, Father!” Lord, I want to do right. That willingness to do right did not come from you. It came from God.

Philippians 2:13: “...both...” What? “**...To will and to do of his good pleasure.**”

If you ever do right, it was not your idea to begin with. It was God that gave you the desire the motivation, the desire to do right.

Psalm 110:3: “Thy people shall be willing in the day of...” What? “...**Thy power**...” It is God’s power. Paul says, **“How to perform that which is good I find not.”** Brother, God gives you the willingness to do it. **“It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”**

God can do it through you. You just have to ask. You have not because you ask not.

Romans 7: The secret to doing right is to yield to the Holy Ghost.

Romans 7:18-19

Have you ever asked yourself the question: What is wrong with me?

Verse 19: How many have ever said, “I will never do that again!” How many did it again?

Verse 20: The old you is against the Spirit.

Romans 7:21: “I find a law...”

Are you doing good by being in church? Yes. Can you ever feel the presence of evil talking to you where your critical, analyzing the message and trying to tear apart what is being said. Brother, that is to your destruction. If you are sitting there, nit-picking, that proves evil is right there with you fighting against the good that is put out to help you.

How many have ever got down to pray, and thoughts or words or pictures came to your mind? You might think, “What is wrong with me? I am trying to pray.”

Remember, the devil trembles when he sees the

weakest saint on his knees.

How about this? The devil gets down beside you when you pray and gives you dirty thoughts.

Romans 7:21: When I pray, I sin. When I preach, I sin. My repentance needs repented of, and my tears need washed in the blood of Jesus Christ.

In **Luke 17** it says, ***“When I have done all these things that are commanded to say, we are unprofitable servants, we have done that which was our duty to do.”***

It is not our flesh that did it, it was the Holy Spirit of God that did it.

1 John 3:9: There is part of me that has never sinned one time.

Lesson 34 Questions

1. If you are saved, you have two personalities.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. How many times does “spirit” show up in Romans 8?
 - a. Once
 - b. Twenty-one
 - c. Twenty-three
 - d. Thirty-six
3. How many times does “law” show up in Romans 12?
 - a. Once
 - b. Twenty-one
 - c. Twenty-three
 - d. Thirty-six
4. The law is spiritual.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. When you sin, sin becomes your _____.
 - a. Schoolmaster
 - b. Master
 - c. Friend
 - d. Enemy
6. Our flesh is capable of some good.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. Some Christians do not overcome sin because:
 - a. They do not hate sin

- b. They do not fear sin
 - c. They fight too hard
 - d. They hate God
8. No matter how hard we try, we as Christians can never be willing to do right.
- a. True
 - b. False
9. The secret to doing right is:
- a. Being willing to do it
 - b. Yielding to the Holy Ghost
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
10. You cannot sin and pray at the same time.
- a. True
 - b. False

Romans Lesson #35

Romans 7:21-25

"I delight in the Law of God after the inner man."

What is he saying is the problem the whole time?

Verse 18: ***"For I know that in me (that is in my flesh..."*** That is the outward man. The inward man delights in the law of God.

Romans 7:22

2 Corinthians 4:16: ***"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."***

Listen, this flesh is going down. The spirit is supposed to go up and forward. You are supposed to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ. Even though my outward man is perishing, yet my inward man is renewed day by day. So, I have two natures.

Romans 7:22: He delights in the law of God. Listen, we do not keep the law to get saved; we do not keep the law to stay saved. We keep the law by the Holy Spirit because we are saved.

Romans 7:23: ***"But I see another law in my members..."*** The members: his fingers, his hands, his feet...
Romans 7:23: ***"But I see another law in my members warring against the law of my mind and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members."*** He is standing back and looking at himself, saying, "This body is getting me into all kinds of trouble." He decides he is going

to crucify the flesh, and he is going to take up his cross daily and follow him. Brother, I am dead to sin.

Romans 7:24

He talks about crucify the death. What Paul realized was: Saul of Tarsus and the Apostle Paul was in the same body. The old Saul, that old Pharisee, was still there, and it was still against the born-again nature. You have both natures, and you still got them, and I still got them. It is with the body you sin.

Romans 7:24: "O wretched man..."

God never used a soul that did not feel this way. If you realize, the only person God uses in the ministry feels this way.

There were early church fathers about 100 A.D. He was saved; he was famous. He used to live with the women without being married, but he got saved. He was going through the market, and he avoided her a couple of days. The church father got born again. The story is told, and he was going through the marketplace, when a women said: "It is I! It is I!" And he looked at her and said, "It is not me anymore."

- Abraham said, "I am but dust and ashes." **Genesis 18:27.**
- Jacob said in **Genesis 32**, "I am not worthy of the least of all his mercies."
- Moses said, "I am a man of slow speech. I cannot do it."

- Peter said, “Depart from me; Lord, I am a sinful man.”
- The nearer you come to God, the less worthy you feel.
- Paul said in **1 Corinthians 15:9**: “I am the least of the apostles.”
- **Ephesians 3:8**: I am less; I am the least of all saints.
- **1 Timothy 1:15**: “I am the chief of sinners.”
- **Romans 7:24**: *“O wretched man that I am...”*

Romans 7:24-25

John 8:36

Lesson 35 Questions

1. What does the inward man delight in?
 - a. The Scripture
 - b. The Flesh
 - c. The Good Works he does
 - d. The Law
2. What man in the Bible did not feel worthy?
 - a. Abraham
 - b. Jacob
 - c. Peter
 - d. All of the above
3. Paul said, "I am the least of all _____."
 - a. Christians
 - b. Apostles
 - c. Believers
 - d. Servants
4. Moses believed he was unworthy because:
 - a. He wasn't the firstborn
 - b. He was an Egyptian
 - c. He was slow of speech
 - d. He was an outcast
5. Jacob said he was not worthy of the least of all God's _____.
 - a. Mercies
 - b. Punishments
 - c. Blessings
 - d. None of the above
6. God uses worthy people in the ministry.
 - a. True

- b. False
- 7. When our outward man perishes, our inward man _____.
 - a. Also perishes
 - b. Is renewed
 - c. Begins to decline
 - d. Gets weaker
- 8. We keep the law to be saved.
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 9. We have to take up our _____ daily.
 - a. Grave
 - b. Lord
 - c. Prayer
 - d. Cross
- 10. Abraham saw himself as:
 - a. Rich and Wise
 - b. Dust and Ashes
 - c. A Sheep and Mule
 - d. Dung

Romans Lesson #36

Romans 8:1

This part of the verse comforted me, encouraged me, blessed me and I misunderstood it, I misapplied it. God, despite of my ignorance, blessed my heart because I was a babe in Christ. God used this verse to minister to me. When I first got saved, I had people attacking me all the time on eternal security. They were trying to say eternal security was not right and tried to prove to me I could lose it. So, I got myself an armor of verses proving eternal security.

“There is now (present tense) no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk...” is that faith or works. That is works. Are you saved by faith or works? Faith. Is salvation a gift from God? Yes, ***“...it is the gift of God not by works lest any man should boast.”***

“There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

There is a qualification. It is a conditional promise who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. That implies there is condemnation even to a believer in Christ Jesus. It is not talking about a Christian going to hell. There is eternal damnation and temporal damnation.

Romans 8:1

So, if a Christian walks after the flesh, there is condemnation.

Romans 8:1-4: “...who walk not after the flesh but

after the Spirit.”

Verse 4: “That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us...” It does not say by us. We cannot fulfil the righteousness of the law. Our flesh is weak. **Verse 3: “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh...”**

The law made nothing perfect. The flesh cannot make you perfect; it is incapable of keeping the perfection of the law.

Verse 4: “That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.”

The Spirit is in us. Who fulfills the righteousness of God? It is the Holy Spirit. God’s Holy Spirit fulfills the righteousness of the law.

Let me show you that there is temporal condemnation and eternal condemnation. There is temporal damnation and eternal damnation.

James 5:9: “Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned...”

Is it eternal or temporal condemnation? It is for grudging and being bitter—a malice and resentful Spirit or attitude. That shows you that a Christian can be condemned for having a rotten attitude. Not condemned to hell but condemned at the judgment seat of Christ.

Nobody at the judgment seat of Christ goes to hell.

1 Corinthians 11:34: What is the context?

The Lord's supper. Who is allowed to take the Lord's supper—lost people or saved people? The Lord's supper is only for saved people. The Lord's supper is not for lost people to go to heaven.

1 Corinthians 11:34: ***"And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation..."***

That person believes a believer can be condemned.

Romans 8:13: ***"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die..."***

Romans 8:13: ***"...but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body ye shall live."***

Living for God is healthy. That is what he is talking about here. What kind of condemnation could he use on a believer? He could shorten your life. Does that mean that God is mad at everybody who has their life shortened?

- Steven's life was shortened.
- Jesus Christ's life was shortened.

There are some who get their lives shortened because they are not pleasing God.

Romans 8:13

If you take some of the vices the world has to offer: smoking, liquor, etc. Do you know what goes along with sinful habits? Guilt, depression, sleeplessness. I am talking about vices. Promiscuity, sexual immorality, anxiety, stress... You know what all of that will bring? Ulcers which

will raise your blood pressure.

Romans 8:13: “For if you live after the flesh, ye shall die...”

Romans 8:1

That is why young people get into all kinds of vices and sin. It is alluring; it is fun; it is exciting. Brother, you can only enjoy sin for a season. You wait until you hit forty-five, and you have been involved in those things for the last forty-five years. Then, you watch your body break down, your joints depleted of oxygen, and your liver rotten out. You cannot hold a job. It is fun now.

***“Be not deceived God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.”
“Be sure your sins will find you out.”***

Your sins will break you down. It will wear you out. It will make you miserable. It will shorten your life.

Romans 8:1

2 Corinthians 5: So, if there is a possible condemnation to a person who is in Christ Jesus who walks after the flesh, what other kind of condemnation is there besides God shortening your life?

He will chasten you. You might say, “Preacher, God is not chastening me, my grandmother smoked cigarettes, and she lived to be ninety years old.” “A friend drank wine every day, and he lived to be ninety-two.” Hey! That does not mean they are right. ***“What shall it profit a man that he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?”***

2 Corinthians 5:10

As soon as the rapture takes place, we will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. The Christian will be there for seven years. Nobody at the judgment seat of Christ goes to hell. After the one-thousand-year millennial reign after the great white throne judgment they go to hell.

Revelation 20.

2 Corinthians 5:10: “...every one may receive...”

You will receive for the good or bad.

He did not say you will receive for the good and lose for the bad. You will receive for the good and receive for the bad.

The standard teaching is: the worst thing that can happen to you at the judgment seat is that you can lose your rewards. No!

2 Corinthians 5:10

You are going to receive for the bad. For the good, you will receive rewards, crowns. You get to reign with Jesus Christ.

What is to receive for the bad?

I do not know, and I do not want to find out!

What is it?

The Bible says, ***“The secret things belong unto God...”***

2 Corinthians 5:11: “Knowing the terror of the Lord

we persuade men..."

The typical preacher who does not study his Bible. The typical preacher will tell you about **verse 11**: the terror of the Lord is hell, and we persuade men. We persuade men for salvation.

Verse 11 is talking doctrinally about the judgment seat of Christ for Christians.

My job is to persuade you as a believer to do right. It is going to be a terror. It is going to shock you at the judgment seat of Christ. You say, "The worst thing that will happen to me is that I will lose rewards." No! You will receive something bad. Listen, if you are living a wicked life, and God is dealing with you about a particular thing, and you are too stubborn to receive it, the bad you will receive will be a terror for you.

2 Corinthians 5:11

The judgment seat of Christ for believers will be a terror.

Romans 8:1

Colossians 1: The preachers that tell you the worst thing that can happen to you is you will lose rewards. They will get over and say, "No other foundation can know man lay but that which is laid, Jesus Christ." "If any man will build upon this foundation gold silver precious stones, then it says wood hay stubble." They say that the fire burns up the wood, hay, and stubble **1 Corinthians 3** is talking about losing rewards, but that is not the worst thing that can happen to you. That is the worst thing that shows you there

in that passage. We have to get the full picture of the judgment seat.

Colossians 1:22

Christ not only wants to save you, but ***“to present you blameless, holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight.”***

People that hit the judgment seat of Christ are going to be blamed. Some are going to hit the the judgment seat of Christ, and they will be reproved.

No period after **verse 22**. Notice the first word in **verse 23**: ***“If...”*** That is conditional. If you were in a cult and wanted to teach salvation, you would take **verses 22 and 23**, and say: “You need to be holy, unblameable, reprovable in his sight to be grounded and settled in the faith. You see you have to keep it; you have to live it; you have to work for it. If you want to get saved, you have to live a good life, or else, you will lose it.”

It is not talking about losing your salvation— it is talking about the judgment seat of Christ.

At the judgment seat of Christ, some Christians will be blamed. They will be reproved. If you continue in the faith, grounded and settled and be not moved of the gospel...if you are sitting there while I am preaching, and you need to hit your knees and say, “Lord Jesus, there is sin in my life and I am sick of it. I am coming to you about it, I know it is wrong. I want to quit it. I am wrong God. Lord, I want it cleansed in the blood of Christ.” As a believer if I do that, will it show up at the judgment seat of Christ?

Absolutely not!

Any sin you confessed after you got saved. When you got saved, every one of your sins before and after are forgiven.

What sins show up at the judgment seat of Christ?

The sins since I got saved. The ones you did not confess and repent of.

Colossians 3:23: ***"Whatsoever ye do..."*** Is that believing or works?

Works. **Verse 24:** ***"If ye serve the Lord Christ..."***

Verse 25: ***"But he that doeth wrong shall lose his rewards?"*** That is not what it says. ***"But he that doeth wrong shall receive..."***

Verse 25

The Bible says, ***"Knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men..."*** **Romans 8:1:** ***"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit."***

So, there will be condemnation to a few believers. Brother, we are too proud, haughty, stubborn, and rebellious to give up and forsake their sins. They thought their sins were precious to them. You hug that sin and do not want to quit. "I do not care what you say preacher."

1 Timothy 5:24: ***"Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment..."***

There are Christians in here who, if you do not quit what you are doing, you will run smack dab into the judgment seat of Christ. Yet, you will not quit what you are doing down here.

“Some men’s sins are open...” What does that mean? That means evident.

1 Timothy 5:24: “...and some men they follow after.”

That is called an ellipse. I studied two years of English in the university. And ellipse means something is missing but obvious. If I look out the back door and say, “Johnny, Suzie is calling.” What do you think Johnny is going to do? He will come inside and get the phone. He understands that Suzie is on the phone. The statement is left out, but the idea is obvious.

1 Timothy 5:24

“...some men’s sins, they follow after.” Who is this other category? Some men’s sins are going to show up at the judgment seat. Why did he make another category? What is the first category? Some men’s sins are open, obvious, evident. If they do not take care of some things, it will be straightened out at the judgment seat of Christ. Notice, ***“...some men’s sins follow after.”*** Those are the secret sins.

That is what you did not know about me. It is what I did not know about you. The secret ones, the ones that were not opened. Most preachers preach that there are no sins at the judgment seat of Christ. That is a lie!

1 Timothy 5:24-25: ***“Likewise also the good works of some are manifested beforehand; and they that are otherwise...”*** (In other words, the old man or women who was praying) There are people you do not even know the names of who are praying for you—people you do not even know. Brother, we get to heaven, and we think, “Wow, we really did something in this church.” God says, “There was an old lady in Ohio who was praying, and the reason you stuck together was because I did it was to answer to her prayers.”

1 Timothy 5:24-25

There will be sins that show up at the judgment seat of Christ. Nothing that is unclean or dirty will defile heaven. The judgment seat of Christ does not take place in heaven; it takes place in the sky. It takes place between here and there.

Romans 14:10-12

He will make you say it. That is why you need to get it fixed now! You will tell God what you planned in your mind and what you thought about. Why you schemed and lied over the internet. Why you did not tell your wife she was living in sin. Why you had the opportunity to rebuke and help someone. Why you were more interested in what they thought about you than for you doing right. I am talking about the things that you held onto, and the little mind games you played with other people’s lives. How you were obstinate and rebellious. How your prayers were always about you and your family— for your benefit only. Listen, all those hidden things will show up at the judgment

seat of Christ. How you lied and hid behind your pride and phony humility, trying to impress the people for whom you had hatred in your heart. You will give an answer for guile and dishonesty. How you maneuvered things around to make yourself look good, doing things, not because you were led by God, but for your desire of glory.

Listen, confess it before you meet God. **1 John 1:9**

Proverbs 28:18 & 1 Corinthians 4:5: “*He will bring the hidden things of darkness...*” God will bring to light the things you did not confess.

Lesson 36 Questions

1. Romans 8:1 is a promise that comes with:
 - a. A Condition
 - b. A Curse
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
2. What is the condition in the Romans 8:1 promise?
 - a. We have to walk after the flesh
 - b. We have to walk after the Spirit
 - c. We cannot receive condemnation
 - d. We have to be in Christ Jesus
3. The righteousness of the law might be fulfilled ____ us.
 - a. By
 - b. In
 - c. On
 - d. Through
4. What are the two types of condemnation?
5. Who is allowed to take the Lord's Supper?
 - a. Only saved people
 - b. Only lost people
 - c. Both saved and lost people
 - d. No one
6. God is mad at everyone whose life is shortened.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. Obeying God can improve your physical and spiritual health.
 - a. True

- b. False
- 8. What other condemnation is there besides God shortening your life?
 - a. Misfortune
 - b. Loss of Salvation
 - c. Chastisement
 - d. Disappointment
- 9. The worst thing that can happen at the judgment seat is losing your reward.
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 10. What sins show up at the judgment seat of Christ?
 - a. Ones committed after salvation
 - b. Ones committed before salvation
 - c. All of your sins
 - d. None of your sins

Romans Lesson #37

Romans 8:1

We learned last time that everything will show up at the judgment seat. Brethren, if the rapture takes place, you will thank God for the message of warning. You will thank God for straight preaching. Everything will show up at the judgment seat of Christ. Those thoughts, how you maneuvered things around for your benefit, not for Christ but for yours, you will answer for those things. You talk about being naked, and they see your shame. Brother, when you study that stuff in Revelation, you learn that you are sewing clothes right now—that fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. God said that you had better watch what you are doing. You walk naked, and they see your shame.

Matthew 18:18: “Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven...”

Do you know if you are obstinate, rebellious, stubborn, and proud in heart, you will just say, “No, I am not!” Then tie that thing up. Listen, if you do not get things fixed here or get sin confessed, and fix dirty, filthy thoughts, they will be bound in heaven.

You say, “This is not what this thing is talking about.” I will prove it is.

Matthew 18:18: “Whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

What you take care of down here will be taken care of up there. You will have to face it. How do you know that

is what that means?

What does loose mean?

Matthew 18:27: “...loosed him and forgave him the debt.”

When he forgave him of the debt, he loosed him from the debt. Loosed means He forgave. Listen, the context determines the meaning.

Matthew 18:18

Romans 8:1

If you are walking after the flesh and gratifying the flesh, and you are giving the flesh what it wants. God says, “All that stuff will hit the judgment seat of Christ.” ***“If ye live after the flesh ye shall die.” “If ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body ye shall live.”***

Listen, I would rather humble myself right now then have to be forced to give it up there. Maybe you need to get loosed. The Bible says, ***“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper.”***

Romans 8:1-2

You see, sin has a law. Brother, if you sin, you die. Why? ***“The wages of sin is death.”***

Romans 6:23: Here is the law of sin and death. You say, “Everybody will die that does not bother me, preacher.” The Bible says, “Death and hell are cast into the lake of fire, this is the second death.” So, when you get into the book of Revelation, death and hell are cast into the lake

of fire.

Romans 8:2

The Bible says, ***“The soul that sinneth it shall die.”*** I do not like the idea that, if I die, I go to hell and pay for my sins. You do not have to go to hell and pay for your sins.

Romans 8:2

There is a law higher than sin and death. It is the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus. All you have to do is get into Christ by the Holy Ghost.

Have you obeyed the law of gravity lately?

You say, “Not consciously, that is an automatic thing.” Brother, when you sin, you do not even have to think about dying and going to hell. It will be an automatic result of your sin. If you trust Jesus Christ as your Savior, you are not saving yourself—the Lord saves you.

Romans 8:2: So, there is a law higher than sin and death.

Romans 8:3: ***“What the law cannot do...”*** The law cannot save you. ***“What the law could not do, in that it is weak through the flesh...”*** The problem is not the law; the problem is our flesh. Notice, ***“God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.”***

Romans 8:3: ***“...the likeness of sinful flesh...”***

Christ was tempted in all point like as we are yet without sin. You know who God condemned sin in the

flesh? Jesus Christ. God condemned sin in the flesh of Jesus Christ so I can be set free. Is not that something? How did he condemn sin in Christ flesh? Because Jesus became sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteous of God in him.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Was Christ a sinner? No, but He was made sin for us. He became sin. He never sinned on his own. All our sins were placed on Him—He became the sin-bearer. He became our substitute. He became our atonement.

2 Corinthians 5:21

I can be righteous because Christ took my place. He became sin for me. I could not keep the law. The problem is not the law. The problem is my flesh.

Romans 8:3

1 Corinthians 15:3: “...Christ died for our sins...”

Christ did not die a martyr's death for his sins, he died for our sins. He took our place.

Romans 8:3-4: “That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us...”

Matthew 3: I want to show you that you do not have to be baptized to go to heaven.

Matthew 3:13-15

Part of doing God's will is fulfilling all righteousness. He had to get baptized to fulfill all righteousness. So, when

I receive Jesus Christ as my Savior, I receive the righteousness of Jesus Christ. He was already baptized! Listen, I do not have to get baptized to get saved.

Matthew 3:15-17

I do not have to get baptized to go to heaven, I receive the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Let me ask you: Did he keep the law perfectly? Yes. Not only did he do that, but He atoned for all of my sins. So, all my shortcomings—He kept them all. All the things I messed up on, He paid for!

Romans 8:4: “*That the righteousness of God might be fulfilled in us...*” When? **Verse 3**

Not only did He take my place and die, but He fulfilled the righteousness of the law. It was given to me. It was imputed to me and put to my account when I got saved.

Romans 8:5: “*For they that are after the flesh do mind...*” In other words, obey.

It means you either obey the flesh or obey the Spirit.

What do you do with your mind? You think.

What you think about is what you are going to do.

Proverbs says, “***As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.***”

If you think about it long enough, you will become what you think about. What occupies your mind—you will eventually find yourself doing those things.

Philippians 4:8

You are to think about right things. When you think about wrong things, then you are thinking about how you are going to get away with this. How can I do this? Start scheming and plotting, manipulating, and wondering if you could get away with this.

Romans 8:5

Have you ever asked yourself this question: Why am I doing this? Because you have been thinking about them, because you are listening to those thoughts.

The Bible says, ***“Evil communication corrupt good manners.”***

If you are listening to rock music, you will have the tendency toward anger. If you are listening to Mozart, Bach, Hyden, Handel, you will be a nicer person to get along with.

Romans 8:5

You need to be thinking about spiritual things. If you reading your Bible you will be thinking about spiritual things.

Romans 8:5

John 6: You say, “I wish I could be more spiritual.” Then, you must think more about Spiritual things.

John 6:63: ***“...the words I speak unto you they are Spirit they are life.”***

Did you know this is a dying planet? There are gravestones and cities that are in ruin.

Romans 8:5-6: “To be carnally minded is death...”

Do you know that your hope inside of you can die? Your joy can die inside of you. Do you know you can lose your perspective, and everything around of you can become darker by your own mind? Things can get dreary and bottom out.

Romans 8:6

So, it is worthwhile to be spiritually-minded. It means life, vigor, joy.

Romans 8:6. There are two kinds of peace in the Bible.

Romans 5:1: “Peace with God...” You can have the peace of God.

Philippians 4: When you get saved, you get the peace with God. Then there is the peace of God. As a believer, everybody that is saved has the peace with God; but it is possible for somebody not to have the peace of God. You could be miserable at heart. You could be carnally minded.

Philippians 4:5-6: Careful means full of care. Do not be worried or full of care.

Verse 7: If you do what **verse 6** says, the result will be **verse 7**.

So, if you come to the Lord, thankful and praying, you can have the peace of God.

Psalms 119:165

You know, people are very easily offended these days. People are easily offended because they are stuck on themselves. They are thinking about self. People get offended very easy.

“Great peace have they which love thy law and nothing shall offend them.”

Isaiah 26:3

Psalm 51: When David sinned, he lost his joy.

Psalm 51:7-8: ***“...make me to hear joy and gladness...”***

Verse 9-12 You see, David lost his Joy because of sin.

Romans 8: Let's take David. Hey, good men can fall into sin. The best women in here can get off track.

Romans 8:5-6

Romans 8:7: Enmity means hostility and hatred.

That verse says you cannot live for God being carnally minded. You are thinking about the flesh, the world, and trying satisfy and please yourself.

Romans 8:7

So, if the carnal mind is not subject to the law of God, then the spiritual mind is subject to the law of God. That is the anti-thesis. That is the opposite sign of the coin. The carnal mind cannot be subject to the law of God, and the spiritual mind can be subject to the law of God.

Matthew 6: Jesus said, ***“Not my will, but thine be***

done." When were carnally minded, we are saying to God, "Not thine will, but mine be done." When we say my will, that is enmity against God.

Matthew 6:24: "No man..."

You cannot serve God and the world at the same time. We try. I hope you hate the devil and love the Lord. It says, "You hold to the one; you hang on to the one."

You cannot serve God and mammon.

Romans 8:28: The carnal mind cannot claim the promise of **Romans 8:28**. We use **Romans 8:28** if as to say it applies to each Christian. **Romans 8:28** only applies to certain Christians.

"We know all things work together for good to them that love God..." Romans 8:7: "The carnal mind is enmity against God..." Did you know that a Christian can have a carnal mind and it can be enmity against God?

Romans 8:28: "...the called according to his purpose." Not my mind, but thine be done. When you are living for the Lord, ***"All things work together for good to them that love God to them that are the called according to his purpose."*** If you are carnally minded, you are not subject to the law of God.

Romans 8:7

When your carnally minded, you will not get anything out of your Bible reading. All of the sudden, you get into your Bible and say, "I just could not get into it today." It was not you could not get into it, it was not giving

you anything. Your mind was stirring with other things. Has your mind ever got wrapped into to so many things? ***“The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned.”***

Romans 8:7-8: “So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.”

If you are walking in the flesh, you cannot please God.

Galatians 5:16

Romans 8:8

Here is how you please God:

Hebrews 11:6 & Romans 8:8

When you are walking in the flesh, you are not walking by faith. The Bible says, ***“Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”***

Romans 14:23

It is impossible please God without faith.

Romans 9:8: “They are the children of the flesh...”

It is one thing to walk after the flesh, but it is another thing to be a child of the flesh. To be a child of the flesh means you are not saved.

Romans 9:8

So, when we are walking after the flesh, we are

walking like a child of the flesh. You are walking like a lost person. If you are walking after the flesh, you walk like a lost person even though you might be saved.

Romans 8:8

That is why it says in **Hebrews 6** that we are to repent of dead works.

Romans 8:9

If your saved, you know it because God gave you the Holy Spirit. He says that a Christian doctrinally is not in the flesh. You can walk after the flesh, but you are not in the flesh.

2 Corinthians 10:3

I am saved, but I am still inside the fleshly body, and I walk in the flesh. Yet, God says, "I am not in the flesh anymore, I am in the Spirit." I walk in the flesh, but I am not to war after the flesh.

Romans 8:9: Doctrinally, I am not in the flesh. Two important words in **verse 9**: circle God and Christ. Who is Christ? He is God.

Romans 8:9: "...now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his."

There is a common heresy taught today that it is possible for a person to get saved but not have the Holy Spirit yet.

Romans 8:9

Lesson 37 Questions

1. What determines meaning?
 - a. Careful Interpretation
 - b. Conclusions
 - c. Context
 - d. All of the above
2. You will have to face some consequences of what you have done here in Heaven.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. Loosed means _____.
 - a. Freed
 - b. Forgiven
 - c. Fixed
 - d. Financed
4. What law is higher than sin and death?
 - a. Ten Commandments
 - b. Law of Forgiveness
 - c. Law of Sin
 - d. Law of the Spirit of Life
5. The problem is the law, not our flesh.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. Christ was a martyr.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. You become what you _____.
 - a. See
 - b. Say

- c. Desire
 - d. Think on
8. Rock music will cause you to have a tendency toward:
- a. Gentleness
 - b. Goodness
 - c. Peace
 - d. None of the above
9. People get easily offended because:
- a. Others are intentionally mean
 - b. They get tired
 - c. They are full of self
 - d. They are trying to be nice
10. A carnal Christian will get nothing out of the Bible.
- a. True
 - b. False

Romans Lesson #38

Romans 8:13-15

Romans 8:12: ***"Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh."***

The contrasting factor in **Romans 8** is: are going to live after the flesh or walk with God in the Spirit? Listen, you have no obligation to listen to what your flesh says.

Romans 8:13

If you live after the flesh, your life could be cut short; but it also says, if you ***"mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."*** No, that is not what it says. It purposely left some words out. Do you believe in changing the Bible? No, but if it makes you mad, you will change it.

I think many Christians fight sin in the power of the flesh. We struggle and try to live for God in the power of the flesh and fail regularly. Let me tell you, I know!

Romans 8:13: ***"...if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body ye shall live."***

The only way you can mortify the deeds of the body is through the Spirit. In other words, to mortify is death. God is immortal, meaning he cannot die. We are mortals meaning we can die.

He says, ***"...if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."***

Listen, if we are to mortify the deeds of the body, that means we are to put to death fleshly desires. You are

to say “no” to the flesh. The only way you can do it is in the power of the Holy Spirit.

I want to show you how drastic this is:

Colossians 3:1-3: “*For ye are dead...*” Every Christian in here is dead. Every lost person in here is dead. If you saved, you are dead to the flesh. If you are saved, your flesh is already dead. If you are lost, you are spiritually dead. Every man is a three-part being: spirit, soul, and body. Before I got saved, I was spiritually dead. Something was missing in my life: It was spiritual miscommunication with God. When I got born again, my Spirit was made alive, and my flesh died.

Why should I serve a corpse? Why should I be an errand boy for the flesh? The Bible says that we are debtors not to the flesh.

Colossians 3:3-4: “*When Christ who is our life...*” There is how you came to church today. Jesus says, “Without me, you can do nothing.” You did not come to church by your own accord. You cannot turn the pages in the Bible without Jesus. You cannot do anything with Jesus Christ. You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:4-5: “*Mortify...*” He did not say “please mortify.” It is a commandment from God. We are to mortify; we are to put to death. You are to mortify your members which are upon the earth. He is talking about what your body parts are involved in.

Colossians 3:5: “*...inordinate affection...*” Is

affection wrong? No, but inordinate affection is. Inordinate means out of the ordinary. For example, if I loved my wife more than I love God that is inordinate. If I love my children, more than I love Jesus Christ that is inordinate affection. Inordinate affection is just not promiscuity or lasciviousness. Inordinate affections could be among Christians.

Colossians 3:5: He tells you to mortify some things.

Listen, if you try to stop sinning in the power of the flesh, you will get discouraged. I quit sinning in the power of the flesh! You say, "Brother Paul, I thought you could not stop."

Before I got saved, my dad caught me drinking. I quit drinking and started smoking pot. I got mad about smoking pot, so I started drinking just as much. I would quit doing this and sin would pop up over here. Then, I would try to control it. I was trying to get my life in order to do right, but I could not cease from sin. I tried to quit this, and something else would happen over here or that would happen over there.

It is a real problem.

Romans 8:13

You know what some false cults do with **verse 13**? They said, "You need to mortify the deeds of the body."

Three examples:

They flogged themselves. Different religions whip themselves. In the Philippines, they nail each other to

crosses. They call that doing penance. In other words, they are trying to work themselves to heaven. They will crawl on broken glass. There are people who kiss icons and say certain prayers. That is called doing penance.

Romans 8:13

Mortify means violently aggressive. You are to kill the flesh. The secret to Christian living is in **verse 13**. You need to have the Holy Spirit to kill the body.

That makes the Holy Spirit for a short time the spirit of death.

Romans 8:2: The Holy Spirit is called the spirit of life. He also works at killing off the flesh in victory over sin.

John the Baptist said in **John 3:30**: ***“He must increase I must decrease.”***

Which increase is first? Christ’s. John did not say: I must decrease, so He must increase. You ask, “How do I conquer the flesh?”

You need to start living for the Lord and the things of this world will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace. You need to put Jesus Christ first, so the flesh gets conquered. Walk in the Spirit so that you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. If you walk in the Spirit, automatically the things in the flesh are not being fulfilled.

He must increase. He must be first. I must decrease. We think, “If I get rid of all my sins, He will give me the Holy Spirit.” You think you can have more of the Holy Spirit if you could just confess and get rid of sin. However, you have to

have the Holy Spirit to get rid of sin in your life. The Bible says, ***“If ye through the Spirit mortify the deeds of the body ye shall live.”*** Christians need to constantly pray for the filling of the Holy Spirit.

The key word in **Romans 8** is “the Spirit.”

Romans 8:14: ***“For (meaning the explanation) as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”***

That is talking about the leading of the Holy Spirit. People say all the time, “God led me to do this. “I prayed about it, and the Lord is leading me to go to America.”

Let me show you how the Lord leads you:

The Holy Spirit does lead us, but there are some boundaries. There are some guidelines.

John 16:13: ***“Howbeit when he the Spirit of...”***
What? “...truth is come, he will guide...” Would you say the leading of the Holy Spirit is similar to the guiding of the Holy Spirit? Sure it is. Leading and guiding are used interchangeably.

John 16:13: ***“...he will guide you*** (all over the place)...” The Holy Spirit will guide you in all truth. The Holy Spirit will never guide you to do something contrary to this Bible. Remember that. “Well, I believe the Holy Spirit is leading me! God wants us to move to Moscow.” “God wants us to move to America.” Listen, if there is not a good church there, it is not the Lord’s will. Everybody that has left here, I have never seen anyone try to find a good Bible-believing work first.

They are always going for financial reasons. It is not the leading of the Holy Ghost. I call it the green leave. You are leaving for money. The love of money is the root of all evil. Which while some coveted after they have erred from the faith, and they have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Romans 8:14: ***"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."***

Being led means the Holy Spirit is out front.

Psalm 23:1-3: ***"He leadeth me in paths of righteousness..."*** Why? ***"...for his name's sake."***

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I am one of His flock.

Psalm 23:3

When God leads you, He will never leave you contrary to the Bible. "Well, God is leading me; I have prayed about it. You ask, "Why do you not say something." It will not do any good. The Holy Ghost will lead you into all truth. He will lead you in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Romans 8:14: We need to get behind the Shepherd. Many people think that when they follow the Lord, they become a child of God. You do not become a child of God by following Him. **Ephesians 2:8-9.**

Verse 14 is not teaching you how to get saved. **Romans 3-5** teaches you how to get saved.

If you are saved, you have the Holy Spirit the split second you got saved.

Do we always follow the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit—that still small voice is always speaking to us. ***“And thine ear will hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.” (Isaiah 30:21)***

God promised the believer that He will always lead and guide them. The problem is that you do not always follow.

Remember, the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit is always automatic. Everybody that is saved has the leading and guiding of the Holy Ghost.

Romans 8:14

Every Christian is always led, but we do not always follow.

1 Corinthians 10:13

God will give you a way to escape, but you are not always looking for a way out. You do not listen to that voice. I can show you throughout the Bible where the Holy Spirit will guide you and lead you if you are humble, listening to that voice of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is there for the believer. When we get to heaven, we will not have much of an excuse for our foolishness.

Romans 8:14: What does it mean to be led?

It means that pull, that tug on your heart, that influence. The Holy Ghost will say, “That is not right; do not do that.” If we would just listen to the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:14

If you are not led, you are not a son. You say, "God does not speak to me like that." That means you are not born again.

Would it not be nice if there was something in you that gave you the power to do right and showed you? "You know, I have made so many mistakes." No, you can have the power to live for God, and you can be led what to do. If you are not led by the Holy Ghost, you are not a child of God.

Romans 8:14-15: *"For ye have not received the Spirit of bondage again to fear..."* Before I got saved, I was afraid to die. Before you got saved, you were afraid to die. You know why you see that "No Fear" stuff on hats and T-shirts? There is no fear of death. They are trying to brainwash everybody. What is going on? Those guys are going to hell.

Romans 3 There are two kinds of fear: a bad kind and a good kind of fear.

Romans 3:10-18

Verse 4: *"...mouth full of cursing and bitterness..."*

That "No Fear" is about a lost person.

You are to fear God. I will show you some right kinds of fear and some wrong kinds of fear.

Romans 11:20

He is talking to saved people. "Do not be proud; you had better fear God. Fear death. Fear sin." He is talking about fearing God.

Romans 13:1-3: What is he talking about? Police stop us.

Verse 3

You see, it is a rhetorical question, meaning, the answer is obvious.

Verse 4: “For he...” (the police, the mayor, the president, you are a teacher at school, the director of the orphanage, etc.) ***is the minster of God for thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil...”*** What? ***“...be ye afraid of the power?”***

Verse 4: “...for he beareth not the sword in vain...”

Verses 5-7

There are some fears in life that are very healthy. If you do not fear your authorities, you are living foolishly.

Verse 7: It is right to fear God.

Hebrews 2: If you are a Christian, there is something you do not need to be afraid of—death.

Hebrews 2:14-15

I was a slave to fear. I was a slave to be afraid of dying. It will drive you to destruction. Hospital deathbed graves. Fearing death means that you are subject to bondage.

Romans 8:15: “For we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption...” I do not have to fear death

anymore. I have been born into a family where I can never die.

Romans 8:15: Adoption is stronger legally than having children born into the family. I have been adopted my name is written down.

Romans 8:15: What is the bondage? It is not the law.
Romans 8:21: “...*bondage of corruption*...” It is decay, death. In the context, it is not the law; it is death.

2 Timothy 1:7

That does not mean we are not to fear God. That means we do not have to fear death anymore. I do not have to fear unclean spirits.

1 John 4: We are not to fear judgment.

Romans 8:15: “*Abba Father...*” *Abba* is a Hebrew word—they did not have to translate it. The New Testament is written in Greek, but when they wrote the Bible, they did not translate *Abba*. It is like saying, “Father, Father.” The first word a child speaks is “dad.” *Abba* is a term of endearment. It is like saying, “Papa.” Why? Because we are very unwise; we are very weak; we are very feeble. We do not usually do the right thing.
Mark 14:36: You know what Jesus Christ did right there? He said that in two languages. Listen, if Jesus Christ is willing to humble himself to get the attention of the Father, I think we could do the same.

Romans 8:15: “*Whereby we cry...*”

Ephesians 2:11-14

Romans 8:15

The spirit of death will enable you to overcome the flesh. The spirit of adoption will nurture you and lead you into the will of God.

Romans 10:9

Lesson 38 Questions

1. Romans 8 contrasts living for _____ and living for the _____.
 - a. God, Devil
 - b. God, Holy Ghost
 - c. God, Self
 - d. God, World
2. To “mortify” means _____.
 - a. To make alive
 - b. To make safe
 - c. To make sad
 - d. To put to death
3. “Mortify your members” is a request of God.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. What is inordinate affection?
 - a. Showing someone affection
 - b. Having no affection
 - c. Putting some affection before affection toward God
 - d. Having affection toward something wrong
5. Which statement is true?
 - a. We have to confess and forsake sin to get the Holy Spirit.
 - b. We have to have the Holy Spirit to confess and forsake sin.
6. The key word in Romans 8 is:
 - a. Spirit
 - b. Law

- c. Grace
 - d. Flesh
7. You become a child of God by following Him.
- a. True
 - b. False
8. How many types of fear are true?
9. When will we be glorified with Jesus?
- a. At salvation
 - b. At the ascension
 - c. At the Second Coming
 - d. At the Millennial Reign
10. If you are not led by the Holy Ghost, you are not a child of God.
- a. True
 - b. False

Romans Lesson #39

Romans 8:16-18

I have talked to several people who knew they were saved but did not believe the Bible. One man in particular who at one time was a dear friend but he did not believe the King James Bible is the infallible, word of God. Well, I thought if I will ask him if he's saved. He said, I'm saved! I knew he would say, yes. I asked, "Are you a 100% percent sure your saved?" He said, "Definitely." How do you know for sure your saved? I caught something. This the answer they wanted to say. Because the Bible says. But he did not believe the Bible was the perfect word of God.

They quoted **Romans 8:16**. They switched from saying the Bible to quoting this verse to me.

Brother, I was ready. Why? Because a so-called Christian only answers that question 2 ways. Because the Bible told me so.

This is how he knew he was saved.

Romans 8:16: He said the reason I know I am saved is because my spirit told the Holy Ghost that I am saved.

I John 4:1: "Beloved, believe not every spirit but..."
What? **"...try the spirits."**

You cannot trust some impression. You cannot trust some feeling. You cannot trust some voice. Some voice says you are saved. There are hundreds of thousands of people who think they are going to heaven that a voice told them they were going to heaven. They got the warm fuzzies

"Well, preacher, I have a feeling." The Bible says, ***"Believe not ever spirit but try the spirits."***

How do you try the spirits?

You go back to the Bible. I believe I am going to heaven because I have a Bible that is 100% accurate. He did not believe the Bible he thought there were errors in it. If you believe the Bible has mistakes in it, you cannot be a 100% sure of heaven.

The Bible says, ***"Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away."***

Romans 8:16

So, what does this verse mean?

Let's study. Let's see how the Spirit bears witness with our spirit. You cannot trust a voice, an impression, or a feeling. You cannot say, "I am saved because I feel good!"

Hebrews 10:15: ***"The Holy Ghost also is a witness..." "The Spirit itself beareth witness that we are the children of God."*** How is the Holy Ghost at witness? ***"...for after that he had said before,"***

When the Holy Ghost speaks guess what the Holy Ghost speaks? The Bible.

Hebrews 10:15-17: You know what the Holy Ghost did right there he quoted **Jeremiah 31:** ***"When the Holy Ghost is a witness to us after that he said before."*** The Holy Ghost quotes Scripture. If somebody pulls that thing on you where the spirit bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God, you cannot believe every spirit you

must try the spirit. How? Hey, if some voice or impression says something contrary to what is written in the Bible, reject that voice or impression.

You will have all kinds of thoughts going through your mind. That is why it says: ***“Casting down every imagination and every high thing that exalts itself above the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”***

The Holy Spirit witness to us by quoting Scripture. **Romans 8:16: “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.”**

1 John 5:9: “If we receive the witness of men...” Brothers and sisters, we do that all the time. Like the weather report. They are never right. It changes all the time.

1 John 5:9: “If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater...” What is the witness of God? ***“...for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.”***

You are holding it. You are looking at it.

Verses 10-11: “And this is the record...” You are holding it. You are looking at it. You are hearing it.

Verse 12: This is the easiest verse in the Bible: one syllable words. The Bible is an easy Book.

Verse 13: “These things have I written...” That is the record; the record is written. ***“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God they***

ye may..." What? "...know that ye have eternal life (present tense), and that ye may believe on the name of the son of God."

I never have gotten over that, if I die, I am going to heaven for sure. I am so glad my sins are forgiven. I am so glad God took me when I called upon His Son.

1 John 5:13: "*And the Spirit beareth witness with my spirit that we are the children of God.*" How? With the written Word of God.

1 Corinthians 2:12-13: How does the Holy Ghost teach? ***"Comparing spiritual things with..." What? "...spiritual."*** The Holy Ghost will teach your heart with spiritual things with spiritual. That means I will teach something out of Romans, and then I go to **1 John**, then to **Hebrews 10**, then to **1 Corinthians 2**. The Holy Ghost teaches by comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. If you want to know how the Spirit beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. Brother, He uses the Bible.

Holy Ghost will never tell you anything contrary to the things written in the Book.

Romans 8:16-17: "*And if Children...*" I got into the family. I became a child of God because I put my faith in the Son of God. The Lord Jesus Christ. Brother, I was born the first time by my mother, then God had mercy on me when I was eleven-year-old boy in Canton, Ohio. Someone told me how I could be born again. How could I get my sins forgiven? How could I know for sure I was going to heaven?

John 1:12

Brother, I received Jesus Christ as my Savior. I prayed and received Jesus into my heart. I did not want to go to hell. Lord Jesus, save me! He did.

Romans 8:17: “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God...” That is automatic. When I got saved, I became an heir of God.

Romans 8:17: “And if children (that is me), then heirs; heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ, if...” Conditional. Brother, I became an heir of God. I have a mansion in the sky. I have a home reserved for me in heaven. Notice, **“And if children, and joint-heirs with Christ if so be that we suffer...”** Does that mean good works to go to heaven? No. Remember, salvation is a free gift. Remember, inheritance is an earned reward.

Can you prove that?

Colossians 3:23: “Whatsoever ye do...” That is works. Am I saved by good works? Brother, you are saved to do good works, but you are not saved by your works.

Colossians 3:23-24: “Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward...” After you get saved, you get certain rewards for living a certain way when you get to heaven.

“Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye...” (believed on Christ). Now that ye what? Serve = to serve is works. Brother, I am a child of God and an heir of God automatically. I am a joint heir with Christ IF I suffer with Him, **“...that we may be also**

glorified together.”

Salvation is a free gift. Inheritance is an earned reward.

Romans 8:17

2 Timothy 2:10-12

“If (conditional) we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if (conditional) we deny him, he also will deny us:”

When does the reign take place? That is the one-thousand-year millennial reign. That is after the seven-year tribulation.

If we suffer, if we go through it as Christians. ***“Ye shall also reign with Him.”*** That is what it means to be a “joint-heir” You reign with Christ—a joint reign.

2 Timothy 2:12: *“...if we deny him, he also will deny us...”*

Does that mean deny us a place in heaven?

No, that is not the context. To deny him is as if you are saying, “I am through with this Christian business. I am through with that Bible. I am not going to church. If you deny Him, He will deny you the reign!

I will prove that is what Paul meant. Paul knew people would not think right about that.

Verse 13

Brother, it is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Brother, if I have received Him as my personal Savior, I

cannot lose salvation. Brother, I might get mad and throw in the towel. Have you ever felt like that? That you wanted to quit reading your Bible? Brother, sometimes, I am through with church.

Jesus said, ***“I will never leave you nor forsake thee.”***

2 Timothy 2:12-13: He cannot deny himself because He lives inside of me.

2 Timothy 3:12

You are going to go through it. ***“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”*** That means you plan on it. That means if you want to do right, you are going to get it in the neck.

Here is an example of people reigning with Christ in the millennium:

Luke 19:12: ***“A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.”***
The second coming.

Luke 19:13: ***“Occupy till I come.”*** That is the second coming. Brothers and sisters, you need to invest your talents. You do not need to hide your talents.

Luke 19:14: ***“We will not have this man to reign over us.”***

Brother, when Jesus was standing trial before Pilate, he said, “Who shall I release unto you? that which is called Christ or Barabbas?”

Luke 19:15

Brother, that is picture of the judgment. He has come back at the end of the seven-year tribulation. He comes back, and it is a picture of him judging the Christians of how faithful they were.

Luke 19:15: “And it came to pass, that when he returned (second coming, after seven years’ tribulation) having received the kingdom (Millennium)...”

Verse 16

This man was a good investor.

Verse 17

There is the ruling and reigning with Christ in the millennium having authority over ten cities.

Verses 18-24

Did the guy lose his salvation? No, he lost his rewards. Brother, he does not get to rule and reign with Christ.

Verses 25-27: Now those enemies are they the ones he gave the ten pounds, too? No, how do you know that? Because that crowd is in **verses 13-14. “But the citizens...”** (that is the rest of the people on the planet). **Verse 14, “We will not have this man to reign over us.”** God did not give them anything to do. **Verse 27: “But those mine enemies...”** = they go to hell.

There is a reign ten pounds = ten cities. Five pounds = five cities. The ones who sit back and does nothing and is just a pew warmer. He gets nothing as far as a reward in the millennium.

Romans 8:17: *"That we may be also glorified together."*

Now it cannot mean this: It is not talking about his glorified body. He has already got his glorified body. It is talking about when he comes back in power and great glory.

Romans 8:17

We are going to be glorified together some day. I want you to see we will be glorified together with Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10: *"When he shall come to be glorified in his saints..."*

2 Thessalonians 2:14

When I got saved, I am going obtained the glory of Jesus Christ. Brother, I will be glorified with Him forever at the second coming.

When we come back with Christ, He says, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Brother, I am glorified.

Hebrews 2:11: *"For which cause he (Jesus Christ) is not ashamed to call them brethren."*

Jesus Christ is my Brother. I do not have a physical brother, but I have a spiritual brother. I have a lot of spiritual brothers in Christ right here in church. I have a friend that sticketh closer as a brother. Can you believe my relationship to Jesus Christ? I am a brother to Him, and He is a Brother to me. I am an heir of God, and a joint-heir with Jesus Christ. Why? Because we are brothers. Jesus is not ashamed to call us brethren. This ought to excite you.

Brother, the world has bad news. All the prices are going up. There is trouble everywhere. We are talking about something out there in the future when we are glorified with Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:7, 4: Brother, I have an inheritance reserved for me in heaven; but I am a joint heir with Christ on this earth. That is the millennial reign on the earth.

Verses 4-7: “...might be found unto praise, and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:”

Brothers and sisters, when Christ comes back, when Jesus comes back, He is going to praise Christians when they lived right. **“Glory...”** We are going to be glorified together.

2 Peter 1:11: The everlasting kingdom = the millennium.

Some Christians are going to have an abundant entrance. God is going to roll out the red carpet and sound the trumpets. Some will enter into the back door in the servants’ quarters.

1 Peter 1: There will be some who have an abundant entrance. **1 Peter 5:10: “...eternal glory...”**

Not only do you have eternal salvation, but you have eternal glory to look forward too. Brother, I did not just get my sins forgiven; I got eternal glory.

1 Peter 5:10: There is a glory after you have suffered a while.

Someday, I will be perfect. A Christian has glory to look forward to.

1 Corinthians 4:5: *“Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come...”* The second coming at the end of the seven-year tribulation.

1 Corinthians 4:5: *“...and then shall every man have praise of God.”*

Listen, God is going to praise his children of how they lived on this earth. Can you imagine the God of the Universe? The God that made the galaxy, the star clusters, the moon, the stars, the sun. He will praise you for living right.

Romans 8:

- Remember, salvation is a free gift. Inheritance is a reward.
- Can a Christian lose his salvation? No!
- Can a Christian lose his rewards? Yes.

I can never lose my sonship. I will be a Hamilton until the day I die, but my dad and mom can take me out of their will.

Romans 8:17: Let me show you salvation is a free gift. **Romans 6:23**

Romans 8:18: Suffering is a privilege.

Over there in Acts, they leapt, rejoiced, and counted it worthy to be able to suffer for Christ. He said, “When you suffer for the Lord, you are going to have thank God.”

Do not dwell on today’s sufferings. Look forward to

tomorrow's glory.

2 Corinthians 4:17

All the trouble works for us. All those trials, all the grief, the pain. Remember, everything that you are going through is working for you!

Romans 8:28

Hebrews 11:24-27

Lesson 39 Questions

1. You cannot be saved if you do not believe the Bible is the Word of God.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. The King James Version is 100% accurate.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. When the Holy Ghost speaks, what does He say?
 - a. His own
 - b. What God tells Him to do
 - c. The Words of the Bible
 - d. None of the above
4. The Holy Ghost teaches by comparing spiritual things with:
 - a. Fleshly, Corrupt Things
 - b. Spiritual Things
 - c. Scriptural Things
 - d. Worldly Things
5. What verse proves inheritance is an earned reward?
 - a. Romans 8:17
 - b. 1 John 5:13
 - c. 2 Timothy 2:10
 - d. Colossians 3:24
6. Is 2 Timothy 2:12 saying we will be denied a place in heaven?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

7. How long is the tribulation?
 - a. 3 ½ years long
 - b. 7 years long
 - c. 1,000 years long
 - d. We do not know
8. You can lose your reward.
 - a. True
 - b. False
9. When will we be glorified with Jesus?
 - a. At salvation
 - b. At the ascension
 - c. At the Second Coming
 - d. At the Millennial Reign
10. Occasionally, there is no purpose for our trouble.
 - a. True
 - b. False

Romans Lesson #40

Romans 8:19-25

Verse 19: I want you to mark five words. ***“For earnest expectation of the creature...”*** That has to do with the animals. ***“...waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”*** That has to do with the humans, the people. **Verse 20:** ***“For the creature...”*** Those are the animals. **Verse 21:** ***“Because the creature...”*** Notice, we have had creature three times, and it is not referring to people.

Verse 22: ***“For we know that the whole creation...”*** That includes people, but it is not primarily talking about people. It is talking about everything besides the people. **Verse 22:** How do you know that the whole creation groaneth is referring to the animal kingdom and nature? **Verse 23:** ***“And not only they...”*** “They” is referring to the creature and creation. ***“...but we ourselves also...”*** Look at **verse 22** again: ***“For we know that the whole creation groaneth...”*** That is why I do not think it is people there in **verses 22 & 23**.

Listen, my soul and spirit has already been redeemed. I am waiting for the redemption of my body. My body has been paid for. I just have not experienced the redemption of my body yet. A new glorified body cannot feel any more pain. It never gets hungry again, never gets hot or cold, never gets tired.

Romans 8:23: Notice the adoption.

Verse 15: ***“...but ye have received...”*** Is that past present or future? That is past tense.

There is a sense where I have already been adopted. I received the spirit of adoption (past tense). But there is another sense where I have not received the adoption yet.

Romans 8:23: “...waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.”

There are two adoptions:

Verse 15: There is an adoption of my soul and spirit. **Verse 23** is the adoption of my body. That is where I receive salvation of my body. There is a double adoption.

Romans 8:18: “For I reckon that the sufferings...”
Verse 20: “For the creature is subject to vanity...” You see sufferings in **verse 18**, and then in **verse 20**, you see vanity.
Verse 21: “Because the creature itself is delivered from the bondage of corruption...” So, you see sufferings in **verse 18**, **verse 20** speaks of vanity, and **verse 21** talks of the bondage of corruption. That is decaying flesh. This is a dying planet.
Verse 22: “For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain...”

So, you have sufferings, vanity, bondage of corruption, travail in pain, and groanings. You had better get used to that.

In **Romans 8** there are twelve verses that cannot take place until Jesus Christ comes back at the second advent. **Verse 11:** I have not experienced the quickening of my mortal body. I am going to. **Verse 17: “...glorified together.”** That takes place at the millennium. That cannot take place until the second coming of Christ. **Verses 18-19: “The manifestation of the sons of God, those are new**

glorified bodies.” Verse 21: “The Lion will eat straw like an ox in **Isaiah 11. Verses 22-24.**

“For we are saved by hope...” “By” is a preposition.
Verse 29: When will we be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ? Second advent. **Verse 30**

Romans 8:19: The word “expectation” means hope.

That manifestation is when we are made public to the world. People cannot see we have Jesus Christ in our hearts. That cannot see the son of God in us, but one day, they will see the physical manifestation of the Son of God. You can look at three or four people walking down the street, but you cannot see who is saved, and who is lost. There will be a day when everyone will see whether your saved or not.

1 John 3:1: “***...therefore the world...***” What?
...knowest us not...” They know us not because they know him not. **Verse 2**

We will get a glorified body like Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:19-20: ***“For the creature was made subject unto vanity...”*** Where in the Bible was the creature of the animal kingdom was made subject to vanity? They were born into it. Notice, not willingly, but by reason of him “who hath subjected the same in hope.” In other words, God has something better ahead. **Verse 21.** Jesus did not just die for you and me. He died for the animals, the land, the dirt. He died for the entire planet.

He died for the soil. Do you know the soil is not producing like it used to?

The entire earth has been paid for. When Christ comes back, it talks about the trees clapping their hands, and the mountains singing. I am talking about talking animals. In the garden, that serpent talked to Eve. It says, ***“On its belly it shall go.”*** That means it had arms and legs. How about the donkey talking to Balaam?

Matthew 19:28: ***“That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration...”*** He is not talking about personal regeneration (when you get saved). He is talking about when the planet is born again. The soil the mountains.

Notice when the regeneration is going to take place: ***“...when the Son of man shall sit in the throne...”*** That is at the end of the tribulation. The whole world, land, plants, animals, and fish will all be born again.

Acts 3:19: Peter is talking to the Jewish people. ***“When the times of refreshing...”*** When will that take place? Right now, it is suffering, travelling in pain, and vanity. That ***“times of refreshing”*** is the second coming. **Verses 20-21:** ***“...the restitution of all things...”*** Not just people. I am telling there will not be any desert anymore. There will be no more thorns or thistles. **Verse 21:** It is called the times of refreshing, the times of restitution.

Isaiah 66:7: Tribulation.

Verse 8: ***“Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day?”*** Listen the earth will be born again. ***“...or shall a nation be born at once?”*** The nation of Israel will be born again (**Romans 11**).

Isaiah 11:4: Second coming

Verse 5-7: The animals will be vegetarians in the millennium

Verse 8-10: He is talking about the times of regeneration, the times of restitution. When everything will be born again, all the creation shall be redeemed.

Genesis 3:14: “*...the serpent is cursed above all cattle...*” Listen, the cattle got cursed because of man’s sin. But Satan was cursed above all cattle.

Verses 15-16: Childbirth is a pain. There will be women having babies in the millennium. It will be painless childbirth. Christians will not be having babies in the millennium because we will neither marry nor be given in marriage. However, there are people who go from the tribulation to the millennium with a physical body. We Christians will have glorified bodies in the millennium, but some people go from the tribulation to the millennium with a physical body that is still producing children. **Isaiah 65** talks about a child has to be one-hundred years old before it ever becomes an adult. People will live to one thousand years old like Methuselah. He was nine-hundred-sixty-nine years old.

Verse 17: “*...cursed is the ground...*” Do not miss that. That “times of refreshing,” the times of restitution of all things. He says, “cursed is the ground.” Brother, the ground is cursed.

Verse 18

There will be no thorns and thistles in the Millennium. Because when Christ was hanging on the cross

with crown of thorns, He wore the curse of nature on His head. The whole earth is defiled because of man's sin. When Christ died on the cross, his atonement included the soil where you plant your gardens.

Job 5:19: "...yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee." Tribulation. The number seven is God's number. There will seven years of tribulation. **Verse 20: "In famine..."** There will be famine in the tribulation like this world has never seen.

Job 5:21: "Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue..." That is talking about the antichrist. **Revelation 13** is magnifying himself above all, and blaspheming God's servants. **Job 5:21: "Neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh."** Second coming. **Job 5:22: "At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh..."**

Job 5:22

There will be time when you will not have to be afraid of lions or bears.

Job 5:23

When will that take place? At the end of the seven-year tribulation.

Job 5:24

Says you are not going to sin anymore.

Psalms 65:11-13

Nature rejoices when Jesus comes again.

Romans 8:20-21

I want to show you when the soil and everything is born again. I want to show you how it is produced.

Amos 9:13

The plowman will overtake the reaper. He is talking about how the dirt and soil will be producing vegetable.

Isaiah 29:17; 32:15

Romans 8:21-22: How is the whole creation groaning and travailing? Earthquakes, hurricanes tornadoes, Volcanoes. It travailleth – that sounds like birth to me. **Romans 8:22:** Brother, this earth is waiting to give birth. There will be an increase in volcanoes. There will be an increase in earthquakes and storms.

Romans 8:23

That first fruits of the Spirit are when you got saved. He gave you a down payment: the Holy Ghost. You ask, “How do you know you are going to get heaven?” I already have a down payment. There is a tug on my soul. Fanny Crosby wrote, “A taste—a foretaste of glory divine.”

Romans 8:23: “*We ourselves groan...*” How do we as believers groan?

2 Corinthians 5:1: The Bible says when you lose this body, you get another body. **Verse 2: “*For in this we groan...*”** That means we are going to get an eternal body that cannot experience pain.

Verses 3-4

Romans 13:11

When I believed, I got saved; but here, he is talking about my body. My body is nearer than when I believed.

Romans 8:23; Philippians 3:21-23

Romans 8: God has been talking about you getting your new body.

Romans 8:24-25

The best is yet to come. There is hope. What is the fourth word? It means expectation.

Proverbs 10: The hope of a Christian is guaranteed; it is certain. **Proverbs 10:28; 11:7**

Hebrews 6: I want you to see that hope means expectation.

Hebrews 6:18: *Immutable* means unchangeable. **Verse 19:** steadfast and sure.

Titus 2:13

Acts 2:24, 26-32

Acts 23:6: He is talking about the hope of getting a new body.

Acts 24:14-15: This hope has to do with a resurrection and a new body.

Romans 15:13

Lesson 40 Questions

1. In Romans 8:19, “creature” refers to:
 - a. People
 - b. Animals
 - c. Plants
2. Have we received the redemption of our bodies before?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
3. What adoption occurs in us?
 - a. Adoption of the soul and spirit
 - b. Adoption of the body
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
4. Jesus only died for you and I, not the animals, plants, or dirt.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. At the Second Coming, animals will speak.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. Women will have children in the millennium.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. The soil and earth will be born again.
 - a. True
 - b. False
8. What is our down-payment for salvation?
 - a. Heaven

- b. Holy Ghost
 - c. Blessings
 - d. There is none
9. Can your glorified body experience pain?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
10. Who will have a physical body in the millennium?
- a. Lost people from the tribulation
 - b. Those who did not die in the tribulation
 - c. Saved people
 - d. Everyone

Romans Lesson #41

Romans 8:26-27

There are two key thoughts in **Romans 8**: the Holy Ghost and the second coming.

Romans 8:26: “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities...” You have heard of the infirmity. In university, they will put someone in a infirmity when they are too sick to go to class.

Romans 8:26

How are we sick? How are we weak? What are some of our infirmities? He is about to tell you. ***“...for we know not what we should pray for as we ought:”***

That is why people’s prayer lives are so small. Because when we get down and pray, we pray in the flesh. The flesh wearies and tires quickly. The most spiritual thing I know that a Christian can do is pray. It is not to preach. It is not even to witness. Brother, I can witness for hours. I can take the Bible and teach somebody the Bible. Brother, I can read my Bible for hours. The most spiritual thing I know there is praying. Brother, our prayer lives are sick.

God has given us the Holy Spirit to help us. ***“The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities:”*** When you try to pray on your own, you will not pray long. When You do not get prayers answered, you get discouraged about praying. ***“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought...”***

Brothers and sisters, we do not know what we

should pray for; we are ignorant of our own needs. God knows what you need more than you know what you need. Is that not true? Have you ever gotten down to pray and had something you needed to talk to God about? You got serious with God, and you started to speak to God about it, but the Lord said, "Wait a minute; I have something I want to talk to you about. Have you ever noticed in prayer God has got something He wants to talk to you about? We are ignorant of our own needs.

"We know not what we should pray for as we ought..."

"Well, Brother Paul, I would pray, but I do not know what to pray about." What you need to do is get down in prayer and tell God, "I do not know what to pray about." He will say, "Good! I will tell you how and what to pray about." Make yourself a living sacrifice.

Just yield yourselves and submit to praying.

We have the help of the Holy Spirit. You ask, "What is the big deal?" That is the same Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead. We are talking about a Spirit that is the Eternal Spirit. He never loses His power. He is omnipotent, omnipresent. The Holy Ghost has all the attributes of God the Father and Jesus Christ. ***"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought..."***

Jeremiah 10:23: This is Jeremiah praying.

Notice, ***"The way of man is not in himself..."*** It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

You do not even know where to go and what to do, and what you are supposed to say. You say, I would witness, but I do not know what to say. You have to pray: "Lord, I do not know what to say, but I am willing." God says, "I will say it through you." God will say it through you.

Jeremiah 10:23

You do not even know what you are to do for the Lord. If you come to the Lord, He will help your infirmities. He will heal your sick prayer life. You say, "I do not know how to pray." He will pray through you.

If you do not know what to do, take a hymn book. Start singing, get alone with God and start singing. "*Are you weary? Are you empty-hearted? Tell it to Jesus. Are you grieving over joys departed? Tell it to Jesus...*" You say, "Nothing will happen." Listen, sing a few songs. You will find yourself being thankful. Brother, you will get a wet eye.

When your prayers start getting dry, open that hymn book again.

When you worship the Lord privately, it will bring you to a place of prayer.

Romans 8:26: "*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities...*" The Lord will help you, Christian. You need to say, "Lord I need some help: my prayer life is wavering."
Luke 18:1: "*...men ought to always to pray and not to faint...*"

A fainting Christian is not a praying Christian. If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.

Romans 8:26

Matthew 26:41: “...the Spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.”

There is that sickness our flesh. He says, **“Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation...”** Listen, if you are not praying, you will fall into temptation. You will succumb to sin. You will yield to sin.

Matthew 26:41: “...the Spirit indeed is willing...”
The spirit is always ready and willing to help you pray. The flesh does not feel like praying. Prayer is the most crucifying thing I know. Prayer will crucify the flesh. That is shutting the door from the world—putting down the newspaper or magazine, turning off the computer and cell phone. The Bible says, **“If any man will come after me let him deny himself and pick up his cross daily and follow me.”**

I do not know anything that puts down the flesh more than prayer. I do not know anything more that humbles the flesh more than prayer. The Bible says, **“God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble.”**

Brother, we need grace and mercy in time of need. We need to develop a prayer life to be like Christ. Jesus had a prayer life. You can see that in the Book of Luke. Brother, if Jesus Christ needed to pray, how much more do we need to pray?

You have to learn to worship the lord in prayer in Spirit and in Truth. The Bible says, **“What is not of faith is sin.”**

For a Christian to pray in the flesh is sin. The Bible

says, ***“Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess but be ye filled with the Spirit.”***

Romans 8:26: *“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities:”*

The Bible says, ***“We are to give the more earnest heed to the things that we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.”***

If someone got up and preached a message on prayer, I would want to do some praying. I would say, “Boy! I need that message!” Why? ***“Ye have not because you ask not.”***

Why do we not have more souls saved and more people coming into the church? Why do you not have more victory and power? ***“Ye have not because ye ask not.”***

Romans 8:26: *“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings... which cannot be...”* What? ***“...uttered.”***

That is not talking about speaking in tongues! It is not speaking in tongues because, ***“the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”***

Paul said, “I would rather speak five words with my understanding than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.”

Listen, that verse teaches that if you feel incapable of praying, you are talking to a holy, infinite, and powerful

God.

The Holy Spirit is a go between he is an intercessor. In other words, He is an Advocate. Notice, ***“...the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”***

Do you know you do not always have to pray out loud? When I am by myself, I like to pray out loud. He says, ***“groanings that cannot be uttered.”*** That can be in your car quietly. Do you know the Lord hears you breathing? God counts your breathing as a prayer. God counts your sighing as a prayer.

Lamentations 3:56

Have you ever been so sick of praying, or to a place where you did not have the words? You were so crushed. You had a burden of care, a load of worry. You were at the end of your rope.

In **Daniel 9**, Daniel is praying. At the end of that, God gives him Daniel seventieth week. One of the greatest prophecies in the Old Testament was in the same chapter that Daniel prayed. In fact, half of **Daniel 9** is taken up with Daniel's prayers. He says, “Oh, God...” You ask, “What is he doing?” He is so involved in prayer that he is losing his speech. Moses said, ***“Blot out their iniquity and if not Lord—”*** (There is a hyphen.) I think Moses broke! He could not speak. God heard that as a prayer and put a line there. He put a hyphen there- the longest Hyphen in the Bible.

Lamentations 3:56: *“...hide not thine ear at my*

breathing.” Have you ever been so sick that all you could do is hear yourself breathing? God hears that as a prayer. Brother, that is a merciful God—that He even counts your breathing as a prayer.

Ephesians 3:20: *“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think...”* He can do above what you ask. Sometimes, you did not even pray about it. You just thought about it, and God gave it to you. You did not even pray about your need, yet it was so obvious that God provided or fulfilled it.

Ephesians 3:20: *“If God can do that He can hear your breathing.”*

Even your sighing means something to God. The Bible says, ***“Before they call, I will answer, yet speaking I will hear.”*** (Isaiah 65:24)

Acts 12: Peter is in prison

Brother, while they were all praying for Peter—the prayer meeting was not even over yet—all of the sudden, there was a knock at the gate. Rhoda is the closest to the door, so she goes over while they keep praying. She goes, “Yikes, what are you doing here?” Brother, it was Peter. Peter kept knocking, yelling, “Hey, it’s me!” Meanwhile those inside are saying, “We are praying for Peter; tell that guy to go away and stop disturbing us.”

The Bible says, ***“Before they call, I will answer, yet speaking I will hear.”***

You think God wants you to squirm in anguish when you are praying? Listen, if your groaning, sighing, and

breathing gets His attention, and He answers prayers you have not prayed yet, then He will answer prayers you have not thought of yet.

But how much will he do when we do pray?

How will He do when you formulate the words, come to Him, make your body a living sacrifice to Him, and talk to Him? The Holy Ghost takes it up and presents it before the Father.

I am trying to show. You the simplicity of Prayer.

Where else does it talk about groanings?

Exodus 6:5: “God heard there groanings...”

Sighing you will find in **Psalm 12:5**.

Prayer is a look.

Prayer is mourning, just making a noise. **Psalm 55:2: “Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give you the desires of your heart.”** He will formulate your words from your desires.

God hears your weeping: **Psalm 8**.

Remember the publican that smote on his chest? God took notice of the man just hitting himself on his chest. It was a gesture to God. He said, “God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

Romans 8:26

Verse 34: “...who also make intercession for us.”

That word also means you just do not have one person helping you, but that you have two helping you. **Verse 34:** The Holy Spirit is down here making intercession for you. Jesus Christ is up there making intercession. You have two members of the trinity making intercession. Brother, remember when Joshua is fighting Amelek down in the valley? Moses is up on top of the mount holding up the rod. Moses was up there holding up his hands **Exodus 17**. When his hands were up, the Bible says that Joshua prevailed. When his hands were down, Amelek prevailed. Moses hands grew weary. The Bible says, ***“I wilt that men pray everywhere lifting up holy hands, without wrath and without doubting.”*** (1 Timothy 2:8)

Brother, when Moses hands were up, Joshua prevailed, and when his hands were down, Amelek prevailed. Amalek, through your Bible, is a picture of the flesh. The Bible says that when Moses was weary, Aaron and Hur held up and stayed up Moses's hands.

What a privilege to hold up the hands of Moses a white-haired preacher, and tell him it is okay. Preacher, I got you covered. Brother, watch those Israelites defeat them. Hur is over there saying, “How are you doing, Hur? I am doing fine, Aaron!”

That is picture of prayer: we have the Holy Spirit on one side and Jesus Christ on the other. They are helping our infirmities.

Romans 8:26

Verse 22: ***“For we know the whole creation groaneth...”*** Listen, I believe in the last thirty days that you

have groaned over a burden, a trial, a body pain, a loved one.

Romans 8:22-23

- You have creation groan.
- You have the believers that groan.
- The Holy Spirit so loves us and cares for us, so He groans.

The Savior is coming back. He has atoned for all your groanings—all the groanings of creation, the curse upon nature.

Jesus Christ helpeth our infirmities because He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. He has been touched with feelings of our infirmities, but He is not here right now: the Holy Ghost is. So, there are three groans:

John 11:33: *“...he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,”*

The Son of God groaned in spirit. Brother, He understands your groanings. **Verse 38:** Jesus groaned for his friends and also at the grief of others. You are to rejoice with those that do rejoice, and you are to weep with those that do weep. Jesus groans and understands you because He cares.

Ephesians 6:18: Notice how we pray: *“in the Spirit.”* Any other kind of praying is ineffective praying. We pray to the Father, though the Son, by the Holy Spirit.

You are supposed to pray in the Spirit.

Jude 20

The whole Trinity is involved in prayer. When you are not praying in the Spirit, you are neglecting His work.

Ephesians 2:18

Romans 8:27

“He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

So, anything the Holy Ghost takes to the throne is the will of God. I might pray one-hundred words, and the Holy Ghost may take thirty of them. Why? Because seventy of them were unacceptable.

Romans 8:27

The whole trinity works in perfect harmony when it comes to our prayer life. Well, I prayed that, and I did not get it! It might not have been God’s will. You need to thank God for the trinity work in your prayers.

I need some Aarons and Hurs who will hold up my arms in prayer.

1 Chronicles 28:9

That means God knows everything about every person in here. ***“The Lord searcheth all hearts and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts...”***

Romans 8:27: Why does he know the mind of the

Spirit?

The Trinity works in perfect harmony. The Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the Holy Spirit. The Bible says, ***“...Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his.” (Romans 8:9)*** They are one, and yet they are there.

2 Corinthians 3:17: ***“The Lord is that Spirit...”*** In other words, the God of the Old Testament is that Spirit.

That has to do with the liberty to pray. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 2:11

I do not know what you are thinking right now. ***“For what man knoweth the things of a man save the spirit of man which is...”*** What? ***“...in him.”*** You do not even know what I am thinking right now. You say, “Well, I am hearing everything you are saying.” Brother, I have twice as many thoughts going through my mind as what I am speaking to you right now. Do you know how much I am thinking about while I am talking to you? How many things I have said that are not in my notes! Why? He wanted you to hear something because I have to be sensitive to the Holy Ghost.

1 Corinthians 2:11: ***“...even so the things of God knoweth no man...”*** I do not know what God is thinking, but here it comes... ***“God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”***

I do not know what anybody is thinking about in here, but the Spirit of God does. God gave me the Holy Spirit so I can know what God is thinking. I have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:11-12: I can know the mind of God by the Spirit he has given unto me.

1 Corinthians 2:16

I can know what God's will is because the Holy Ghost knows the will of God. If the Holy Ghost dwells in me, and I am sensitive to the Holy Ghost, I can know the mind of God.

Romans 8:27

That is why you have to have the Trinity praying with you because they know the will of God. Any prayer you pray in the will of God gets answered.

1 John 5:14-15

So, if you pray in the Spirit, your prayers will be answered.

Lesson 41 Questions

1. What is the key thought(s) in Romans 8?
 - a. Second Coming
 - b. Holy Ghost
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
2. The most spiritual thing you can do is:
 - a. Read the Bible
 - b. Pray
 - c. Preach
 - d. Speak in Tongues
3. If you do not know what to say when you are praying or witnessing, then you should:
 - a. Not say anything
 - b. Tell God you do not know what to say
 - c. Ask someone what to say
 - d. Say whatever you first think of
4. We should always pray out loud.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. God counts breathing as prayer.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. God does not answer prayers we do not at least think of.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. What member(s) of the Trinity make intercession?
 - a. All Three

- b. The Father and Jesus
 - c. The Father and the Holy Spirit
 - d. Jesus and the Holy Spirit
8. What men held up Moses' hands in prayer?
9. Who groans?
- a. Creation
 - b. Believers
 - c. The Holy Spirit
 - d. All of the above
10. Only prayers in the Spirit get answered.
- a. True
 - b. False

Romans Lesson #42

Romans 8:28

“And we know all things...” Does that include yesterday? ***“And we know all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.”***

What a great promise to the saved who love the Lord Jesus Christ. It says, ***“we know...”*** It does not say we see. It does not say we understand. It is says ***“we know.”*** How? By faith. The Bible says, ***“Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”*** It says, ***“Without faith it is impossible to please God.”*** The Bible says, ***“The just shall live by faith.”*** Listen, if we do not understand it, and we cannot see it, yet we know by faith. **Romans 8:28: “...all things work together for good...”** That is even bad circumstances work together for good.

We know – that is certainty. That is why Paul said that he is persuaded. **Romans 8:38.**

Romans 8:28: “And we...” Those are witnesses. Paul was not alone. He was not all by himself. He did not say I know all things work together for good. He said, “we know.” He had enough people to fellowship with.

“And we know all things work together for good...”

Fanny Crosby wrote many songs in our song book. She was blind. She lived to be ninety-five years old, and she wrote the song: “All the way my Savior leads/what have I to ask beside?/Can I doubt thy tender mercy/ who through life has been my guide?/All the way my Savior leads me.”

Did she take the bitterness route? If she did, she could not have written songs like that. She wrote “Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine/ Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine./Heir of Salvation, purchased of God./Born of His Spirit washed in the blood./This is my story this is my song.”

She took bad circumstances, and she wrote what nobody else could see.

Romans 8:28; Mark 7:37

“He hath done all things well...” When you are going through all those problems and tribulation, it does not seem like God knows what He is doing. However, every time you come out of it onto the other side, you saw the plan, and God got you through it. And as you look back you say: “All the way my Savior leads me...”

Romans 8:28: *“And we know all things...”* Even the smallest details. Nothing is beneath God’s notice. God watches over our steps. The Bible says, ***“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delighteth in his way.”*** Brother, if God gives drought, we know all things work together for good. How can a drought work together for good? It gets Christians praying, and the rain comes, and there is an answer to prayer. Brother, when trouble comes Christians pray. God shows up and blesses.

Romans 8:28

Even your pains work together for good. The Bible says, ***“Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.”***

“And we know all things...” It is an unlimited

statement.

John 13:6-7: ***“What I do thou knowest not now...but thou shalt know hereafter.”***

Brother, you can trust God by faith. The Bible says, ***“He hath done all things well...”***

John 16: All things work together for good: drought, death, hunger, pains, and temptations.

John 16:6-7

Even though the Lord is departing, we know all things work together for good. The disciples asked, “How are we going to get along without you? We have been following you for three and a half years.” He said, “I am going to go away and all things are going to work together for good.” He is the Comforter, and I will bless you.

Isaiah 49:15: ***“...yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.”***

Jeremiah 29:11: Notice what God knows. **Romans 8:28:** ***“And we know...”***

God says, “I know the thoughts that I think of you.” The devil will accuse you and say, “God, I do not love you.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Do not you believe the devil, the devil will accuse us to God and God to us.

Psalm 76:10: ***“Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee...”***

Even the wrath of man, even some insane people, God will cause ***“Surely the wrath of man to praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.”***

God will let some things happen in our lives that we might see our need of him. Prayer means more, and your Bible means more. God can get your attention just like that. ***“Surely the wrath of Man shall praise thee...”***

They abort children: that is the wrath of man.

Psalm 76:10

Brother, God used even Nebuchadnezzar, a wicked, heathen king to chasten his people. God calls Nebuchadnezzar “my servant.” God raised up Pharoah to chasten his people. The Bible says, ***“Where sin did abound grace did much more abound.”*** (Romans 5:20)

Romans 8:28

Have you thanked God for the bad things that has happened to you?

The Bible says, ***“Give thanks always for all things.”***
“All things work together for good...” ***“For everything give thanks for this is the will of God concerning you.”***

1 Peter 4:11

Remember: man proposes, and God disposes. Our hap is God’s map.

Romans 8:28: *“And we know all things work...”*

It is ceaseless movement. All things even bad things

are working together for our good. The Bible says, ***“Even our light afflictions which is but for a moment worketh for us...” (2 Corinthians 4:17)***

What is a light affliction?

That is all the negative things.

“Even our light afflictions which is but for a moment worketh for us a far more exceeding eternal weight of glory.”

It does not say all things shall work together for good. All things present tense work together for good.

Romans 8:28: “All things work together for good to them that love God...”

That means our love must be present tense also, not just in the past do we love God.

Romans 8:28: “All things work together...” Is that at random? Together means divine order. God allows earthquakes tornadoes to work together, divine order, plan designed.

“All things work together...” That is in unity, ***“all things work together...”*** That is in cooperation. ***“All things work together...”*** That is in harmony. There are no accidents with God.

One preacher said it like this: Has it ever occurred to you that nothing has ever occurred to God?

How many have gotten saved and witnessed to because of a tragedy that has happened?

“All things work together for good...” God is in charge everything is on schedule. Listen, (write this down) There is a conspiracy in all things to help us.

Jacob said, “All these things are against me.” In reality, all those things were for Him. His son was still alive.

Judges 5:20

What are you trying to say? Brother, if we hearken to God creation will hearken unto us.

“All things work together for good...” That means a cloudy day, a rainy day, a bright day.

Judges 5:20

That is referring to angels. The Bible says, ***“...the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.”***

Romans 8:28: This will comfort your heart. It is a soothing reminder.

The results of **Romans 8:28** are: peace, calm, trust not fear, patience not fretting, strength, and encouragement.

Romans 8:28: ***“We know all things work together for good...”*** Not our health. Brother, sickness quickens our prayer life. Brother, when we start going through something we start thinking we need God.

“All things work together for good...” That means for our advantage. Everything that God allows into our life is for a reason and a purpose. He did not say it was for our prosperity, happiness.

“All things work together to them that love God...”

That is a limited statement. Notice there is a limited statement and an unlimited statement. Listen to the unlimited statement. ***“...we know all things work together for good...”*** That is an unlimited statement. ***“...to them that love God...”*** That is a limited statement. So, it is a conditional promise based on if you love him. How do you know you love God?

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. If you love me, you will keep my words.”

Romans 8:28 is a discriminating promise. What is it?
“This is love if we walk after his commandments...”

It is a resignation to His will without resentment, without murmuring. Leave the consequences to God. Keep your eyes on Christ.

Romans 8:28: ***“...to them that are for the called...”***

Romans 8:29

How about God using that process to conform you to His will?

Romans 8:28 What is God’s purpose? It is for you to be like His Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice the last three words in **verse 27:** ***“...the will of God.”*** The last two words in **verse 28** is His purpose. The will and His purpose is for us to be conformed to His image.

Sometimes, working together for good is chastening.

Hebrews 12:10

The reason God chastens us is that we would be a partaker of His holiness.

Verse 11

Genesis 50:20

Lesson 42 Questions

1. Quote Romans 8:28 from memory.
2. What elderly, blind lady wrote many of our hymns?
 - a. Fanny Crosby
 - b. Sidney Crosby
 - c. Susannah Wesley
 - d. Elizabeth Elliot
3. Are there things beneath God's notice?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
4. Our pain never works out for good.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. What wicked, heathen king(s) did God use to chasten His people?
 - a. Nebuchadnezzar
 - b. Pharoah
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
6. "All things work together..." implies:
 - a. Randomness
 - b. Divine Order
7. Name two results of Romans 8:28 in a Christian's life?
8. Romans 8:28 is a limited promise.
 - a. True
 - b. False
9. Does Romans 8:28 imply there will be no chastening?

a. Yes

b. No

10. There are no accidents with God.

a. True

b. False

Romans Lesson #43

Romans 8:28-30

Notice, ***“And we think...”*** – is that what it says? It does not say “we see.” Sometimes, you do not understand it, but you just know. We know (how many things work together for good) ***“All things...”*** Brothers and sisters, everything you are going through is God-appointed. I mean, the trials, the troubles, the tribulations—***“We know all things work together for good...”*** Brother, even before I became a Christian—fight after fight, car accident, fires, getting fired from a job— all the different tragedies in my life humbled me. God was breaking up my fallow ground. God was breaking up the hard soil. All the things that happened to me before I got saved were leading up to the goodness of God to lead me to repentance.

Brother, if I could look back and see what God was doing in my life, the working and the things that He allowed to happen...

Romans 8:28: It is a promise for the believer.

Notice the condition: ***“To them that love God...”*** You say, “I love God.” But if you have not trusted Him as your personal Lord and Savior, if you have never asked Him to come into your heart, you do not love him in a Biblical way. You might love Him as a Creator, but I am talking about being saved in the Bible fashion.

Romans 8:28: ***“...who are the called according to his purpose.”***

What does it mean to be called by God?

How does God call us?

2 Timothy 1:9: ***“Who hath saved us...”*** It does not say, “...in the process of saving us.” Brother, when I got saved thirty years ago, I became a Christian instantaneously when I received Christ as my personal Savior. God, I am not in the process of being saved. Brother, I am saved!

2 Timothy 1:9: ***“Who hath saved us, and hath called us with a holy calling (notice the next five words) not according to works...”*** Did He save me because I was a good person? No. Brother, He does not save you by works. Brother, the devil wants to put a stumbling block in your mind. Brother, I was raised in a Lutheran church. We were going there; we took communion every Sunday; they told us by doing that we were Christian.

2 Timothy 1:9: ***“Who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling not according to works...”*** Brother, when we went to the church of God, the preacher told us we had to live holy. My dad asked, “Well, how do you do that?” The preacher answered, “You obey the golden rule, come to church, live cleanly, and God will decide when you get to heaven if He will let you in.” Praise God, the same preacher who brought my mother on a bus route, came knocking on our door thirty years ago. As a result of that, I got saved—my day got saved. Our whole family got saved simply by putting our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for the saving of our souls.

2 Timothy 1:9

I was saved by grace, not according to my works.

Romans 8:28: We already know we are not called according to our works, but through His own purpose and grace.

Notice: ***“...who are the called according to his purpose...”***

I wonder why God saves us by His grace? Why does God save us and not take us home right away? Let me show you His purpose. Why does God save us? What is His plan for us in the future?

Ephesians 2:4-6: ***“And hath raised us up together...”*** Brother, when I got saved somehow God in His Spirit, the Bible says, ***“He that is joined to the Lord is one Spirit.”*** There is a sense in the Spirit where I have already been raised up to sit with Him in heavenly places.

Somebody asked, “Are you going to heaven when you die?” Yes, I am! But there is a part of me that is already there. Why is that? **Verses 6-7**

Brother, God saved me not according to my works. Brother, he gives me eternal life.

Verse 7: ***“That in the ages to come...”*** One thousand years from now or a million years from now...

Man! We should forget a little bit down here and think about those million years out in eternity. Brother, God wants to remind you of His kindness and mercy. **Verses 8-9**

Listen, you cannot save yourself. Brother, a preacher cannot save you. A church cannot save you. Being good cannot save you.

Romans 8:28-29

If you are saved, you are pre-destinated to be conformed to the image of His Son. Brother, when Christ came out of the tomb, in a glorified resurrected body, He passed through solid walls. He ate food in a glorified, resurrected body.

Romans 8:29

The Lord not only saved me, but He also predestinated me. That means my destination is fixed.

I remember I used to get a map, and I would go somewhere. Then, I would find out how many miles away it was. On that map, though, my wife would mark out or fix my destination of how I was going to get there. She predestinated it. It was fixed ahead of time.

Romans 8:29: Predestination means my destination is fixed ahead of time. Brother, I am as good as already in heaven with the door shut. You say, "Nobody can know for sure where they are going when they die." I am predestinated. It is fixed. You ask, "Are you one of those people that believe in eternal security?"

Romans 8:29

1 Peter 2:21

The longer you are saved, the more you are going to be conformed to his image.

1 John 3:2

Romans 8:29

We have a problem: Do you believe in predestination and election? **Verse 29: “For whom he did foreknow...”**

What is that? That is God’s foreknowledge. If God is Omniscient, He knows what goes.

What comes first: foreknowledge or predestination? Foreknowledge.

God looked up into the future and saw what I was going to do when I was presented with the gospel. Then, God predestinated me to become conformed to His image. God, in His foreknowledge, saw what I was going to do in my own free will. God predestinated it.

Romans 8:29: “For whom he did foreknow...”

1 Peter 1:2: “Elect according to the...” What? “...foreknowledge...”

You know what God did? He elected me to eternal life. He predestinated. I cannot lose salvation. You say, “Election and predestination are scary terms.” **“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God...”** What came first? **“...Foreknowledge.”** In God’s foreknowledge, He saw what I was going to do when I have the choice and was presented with the gospel. I chose Jesus Christ, and God elected me to eternal life.

Predestination and election are always conditioned on foreknowledge.

D.L. Moody said, “The ‘whosoever will’ are the elect, and the ‘whosoever *will nots*’ are the non-elect.”

You have to make a conscious decision to receive Christ as your Savior.

God does not program anybody to get saved.

God calls us, but He does not call us according to our works.

2 Thessalonians 2:13: “God from the beginning have chosen you to...”
What? “...salvation.” Remember, predestination and election are conditioned on foreknowledge.

“God from the beginning have chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the truth.”

Do you believe God chose you to get saved? God chose me to get saved according to His foreknowledge. Brother, He looked up at my belief in the truth. God chose me way back there based on my belief in the truth.

Brother, it says, “...***from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.***” You ask, “How old is God?” Brother, He never had a beginning.

Psalm 90:2: “...from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God!” Brother, space is not big enough for God. God lives in eternity.

Isaiah 57:15: He is the “high and lofty one that inhabits eternity.” The Bible says that the heavens cannot contain God.

God lives yesterday. He lives four years ago. He lives twenty years in the future. If you are saved, you are in His

hands. You have nothing to worry about. You have been chosen. You have been elected. You have been predestinated. Brother, there was a day when I took Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. Brother, my destination is fixed ahead of time. Brother, I am pre-destined to be conformed to His image. Brother, I am going to heaven. You ask, "Where are you going five years from now?" Brother, I am going to heaven. Brother, that cannot change.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14: ***"Whereunto he called you by our gospel..."*** Brother, He called me. Brother, the phone was ringing, and I needed to pick it up. One day, God was ringing the phone, and I picked up and said, "Hello, I will take it."

2 Thessalonians 2:14

Romans 8:29: ***"...that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."***

Do you know that I am a brother to Jesus Christ?

Hebrews 2:11-12

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and I got into the family of God. The Bible said that Christ is not ashamed to call us brethren.

John 1:10-12

If you are willing to receive Him as your personal Savior, salvation is not of works.

John 3:3-8

When you are born again, you are born into the

family of God spiritually. You take Christ as your Savior.

How was Christ born?

Luke 1:35: How did Christ become the Son of God?
By the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:29: ***“...that he (Christ) might be the firstborn among many brethren.”***

Christ was the first person ever born by the Holy Ghost. I was born again by the Holy Spirit, but He is not ashamed to call me brethren. Brother, I have been born into the family of God.

Romans 8:29-30: ***“Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: (past tense) and whom he called (mark it), them he also justified (past tense), them he also glorified.”*** (That is also past tense).

I do not have my glorified body yet, but in the mind of God, I have it already settled. He is from everlasting to everlasting. I am living in 2010. God said that my body is also glorified. I am already looking at it. The Bible says, ***“He hath raised us up to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”***

Brother, I am so saved that in the mind of God, it has already been settled; it is already accomplished. He sees it as completed.

Romans 8:30: ***“Moreover whom he did... (past tense)”*** **Romans 8:30**

It is all in the past tense. Predestination is fixed ahead of time as far as God is concerned. Brother, I do not

feel my glorified body.

Romans 8:38

Lesson 43 Questions

1. Romans 8:28 is a promise to:
 - a. Believers
 - b. Unbelievers
2. Part of believers are already in heaven.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. Predestination means:
 - a. We have been chosen
 - b. My destination is fixed
 - c. God elected us
 - d. We are to be prepared
4. You cannot be sure where you will go when you die.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. In God's foreknowledge, He chose when some would get saved and not others.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. It is our own decision whether to get saved or not.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. I am a _____ to Christ after salvation.
 - a. Husband
 - b. Son
 - c. Cousin
 - d. Brother
8. Who was first to be born of the Holy Ghost?

- a. John the Baptist
 - b. Christ
 - c. Adam
 - d. The first believer
9. I already have a glorified body.
- a. True
 - b. False
10. We are predestined to ____.
- a. Be saved by Christ
 - b. Get baptized by the Spirit
 - c. Be Conformed to His Image
 - d. Go to Heaven with a Glorified Body

Romans Lesson #44

Romans 8:29-35

Verse 29

God is all powerful, all knowing. Brethren, God has His foreknowledge, but that does not negate man's free will. Man still has a free will.

1 Samuel 23:10: David asks God a question **verse 11.** Did God have foreknowledge and know what Saul would do? Yes. He said, "He will come down." **Verse 12.**

You see he is in this city, and the men of Keilah ask, "Why should our city be destroyed?" He said, "We could just give them David, and we will be spared." It is not necessarily right, but look what happens:

Verse 12

Does he sit back and say, "Saul is coming there going to deliver me up. I might as well take my medicine"? Is that what David does?

God in foreknowledge tells him what is going to happen.

Verse 13: *"Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah..."*

What is that?

Man is free will. "Will Saul come and get me?" He will come. "Will the men of Keilah deliver me up?" Yes. He then says, "Okay, let's get out of here."

There is the sovereignty of God, the foreknowledge of God, the omniscience of God looking into the future. If David would have stayed there, that is exactly what would have happened; but David had a free will which moved and changed. You see, what God foresaw did not happen. If David would have stayed there, that would have happened.

If I said, "You will go to hell if you do not trust Jesus Christ as your Savior," anybody that is not saved is going to hell. You say, "Well, I do not like that." Well, do something about it!

Romans 8:29-30: *"Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called them he also justified:"*

That predestination is scary terminology. Predestination, election, I cannot figure that out.

It talks about being called. How do I know he called me? Put that aside for a minute. He said, ***"...whom he called them he also justified."***

I understand justified because the Bible says, ***"Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."***

If you do not understand predestination or called, all you have to say is, "I do understand justification, and if I put my faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, I am justified!"

Therefore, I am one of the predestinated. Therefore, I am one of the called!

You do not have to understand the predestinated

and called as long as you get to where you understand. So, get in on the justification, and you are predestinated and called.

Let me show you a simple illustration of that.

If you wonder whether you are the called:

Mark 10:46-48: “...but he cried the more a great deal...” He got the attention of the Son of God!

Watch **verse 49: “And Jesus stood still...”**

Prayer gets the attention of Jesus Christ: **“And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called.”**

Jesus Christ calls on them who call on Him.

“Whosoever call upon the Lord thou shalt be saved!”

So, if I am not saved and call on Jesus Christ to forgive me, He will. He says, “I am calling on you.” Christ calls on them who call on Him. This blind man called first, then Jesus Christ called him.

“Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also Justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”

I know I am already the justified. I know I am one of the called because I asked Jesus to be my Savior. Then he called on me!

Verses 48-50

You want to go to heaven when you die. This man called on Jesus Christ by faith.

Romans 8: There are seven questions:

- Question 1: **Verse 31:** ***“What shall we then say to these things?”***

it. If it is right, do it. If it is not right, do not do

- Question 2: ***“If God before us, who can be against us?”*** Get God on your side, and you and God will be a majority.
- Question 3: ***“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” (Verse 32).*** He not only saves you, but your prayer life is opened up and blossoms. God not only saves you, but He will provide your needs.
- Question 4: **Verse 33:** ***“Who shall lay anything to charge of God’s elect?”*** What is that mean? God has the highest court. He is the judge of the whole earth.

I have been acquitted. I have been charged. I cannot be charged for the same crime. When Christ died on the cross for my sins, all my sins were future.

- Question 5: **Verse 34:** ***“Who is he that condemneth?”*** **Verse 34:** Christ is making intercession as we speak.
- Question 6: **Verse 35:** ***“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”*** Nobody!

- Question 7: *“...shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or sword?”* (Verse 35).

Romans 8:31: *“What shall we say to these things?”*

In other words, “Who can reverse the purposes of God?”

If God be for us who can be against us?

The world, the flesh, and the devil might be against you. However, they that be with us is more than be with them. **2 Kings 6:16**

God is for us, and the Son is for us. **Verse 34:** The Holy Spirit is for us. **Romans 8:26**

Romans 8:31: *“...for us...”* **Verse 34:** *“...for us...”*

Romans 8:32: *“He spared not his own Son...”*

There are people who are “no-hellers.” God allowed sinful man to spit on Him, pull out His own Son’s beard, and put a sack on his face while buffeting him with their hands and saying, “Prophecy, who is it that smote thee...” Then they whipped Him and scourged Him. He bled for us. He hung there for you and me.

Romans 8:32

If God spared not his own Son, He is not going to spare you.

Hell is truth found out to late.

Romans 8:32: *“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all...”*

The reason He died is so that He could take my place.

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him freely give us all things?”

If God gave His best on my behalf, if God gave the greater, will not He not also take care of all the lighter things and fellowship with you?

Psalm 56:13

Romans 8:33

How many times have you heard another Christian bad mouth another Christian? They are laying something to their charge.

Do you know that gossip can destroy someone else’s reputation? It may not destroy their character, but gossip can destroy their reputation.

Romans 8:33: *“Who shall lay anything to the charge to Gods elect? (He answers his own question) It is God that justifieth.”*

What does “justifying” mean?

Romans 3:24: I love talking about what He did for me. I love talking about the free grace of God. I am not talking about joining the church or putting money in the offering plate. I am not talking about doing better. I am talking about believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. I do not do anything good to get get. I do not believe in anything bad to lose it.

Romans 3:24: “...*being justified freely...*” It is free because He paid the price. He paid for my sins; salvation is free if you will be willing to humble yourself. If you are a self-righteous do-gooder you will try to earn it or merited. You will think you have to work for it.

Romans 3:24, 26

God is just and holy for saving me. “You mean God will let you go scott-free?” He not only justifies me, but He is just in doing it because He took my place.

Romans 3:27-28: You ask, “How do you know you are right? That is just your interpretation.” No, I did not interpret it. I read and believed it.

Romans 4:3-5: Are you willing to admit you are ungodly?

The only person God justifies is the person who admits he is a sinner.

You must realize you are lost sinner, ungodly, and wicked.

Romans 4:5-7

You are a blessed man who iniquities are forgiven. Justification not only declared me righteous, but I am so blessed that God gave me His righteousness and fixed me in such a state that my sin cannot even be imputed to my account. You say, “You sinned last week.” Yes, but God did not put it on my account.

That is why I am justified blessed and forgiven. That is why I am sure I am going to heaven.

Romans 8:33

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?

You may lay some charge to my account, and you may say, "I did this, and I did that, and I do not deserve to go to heaven!" Hey, that is right! The Bible says, "***Blessed is the man whom the Lord will not impute sin.***"

You may lay something to my account, but God will not do it!

Romans 8:33-34

John 3:18

Can Christ pray for me and condemn me at the same time?

Romans 8:34: Since He is praying for me, He is not going to condemn me at the same time. He is my advocate.

Romans 8:35-39

Lesson 44a Questions

1. God's foreknowledge negates our free will.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. Everything God foresees happens.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. Jesus calls on them who:
 - a. Are predestined
 - b. Call on Him
 - c. Look for Him
 - d. Are saved
4. How many questions are found in Romans 8?
5. Why is salvation free?
 - a. Because it was not expensive
 - b. Because it has already been paid for
 - c. Because we deserve it
 - d. None of the above
6. The only people God justifies are those who:
 - a. Are predestinated
 - b. Are saved
 - c. Admit to sin
 - d. Love Him
7. "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will _____ sin."
 - a. Impute
 - b. Not impute
 - c. Repent
 - d. Remove

8. Christ only paid for your past sins.
 - a. True
 - b. False
9. In 1 Samuel 23, David was in the city of:
 - a. Jerusalem
 - b. Hachilah
 - c. Ziph
 - d. Keilah
10. If you do not understand predestination or called, all you have to do is understand _____.
 - a. Justification
 - b. Redemption
 - c. Sin
 - d. All of the above

Romans Lesson #44b

Romans 8:35-39

These words teach eternal security. If you are saved, you cannot lose your salvation.

Verse 35: The answer is: nothing can separate you from the love of Christ.

“Shall tribulation...” Jesus said, ***“Be of good cheer. It is I, be not afraid.” “I have overcome the world.” “In the world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer I have overcome the world.”*** You will have tribulation.

2 Corinthians 4:8

People who are terrified to die are not ready to meet God. Brother, you do not need to fear anything.

Romans 8:35: *“distress...” “All that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”*

He warns you of tribulation, and He warns you of persecution.

Romans 8:35

All of those are not an indication that God does not love us.

Here is why those things cannot separate us from the love of Christ: ***“...For thy sake...”***

Romans 8:36: *“As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long...”*

Hey, listen, I am ready to die today. Notice, ***“...For thy sake we are killed all the day long...”***

I have been ready to go for a long time. ***“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily.”*** What happens on a cross? You die. If you are ready to die last week and tomorrow. Death does not scare you. It is an invite to heaven. Dying is not a tragedy for a Christian: it is a blessed escape.

Romans 8:36

We are just waiting for our time to die. You are to present your body a living sacrifice. We are like sheep; we are like a living sacrifice. It does not bother me to die. A Christian has a totally different outlook on life.

The reason this does not separate us from the love of Christ is because I am killed all the day long.

Job said, ***“Though he slay me yet will I trust in him.”***
(Job 13:15)

Esther said, ***“If I perish, I perish.”*** She was ready to go. **Esther 4:16**

He loves me and gave Himself for me.

Romans 8:36

Paul says, ***“None of these things moved me, nor count I my life dear unto myself.”*** (Acts 20:24)

He said, ***“The time of my departure is at hand.” “I have fought the good fight.” “I have finished my course.” “I am ready to be offered.” “We are like sheep counted for***

the slaughter.”

2 Timothy 4:6

Romans 8:36-37

That means anybody who is saved in this room, who has been washed in the blood is greater than Mussolini, greater than Hitler, greater than Castro, greater than Stalin and Lenin. You are more than a conqueror.

Romans 8:37-39

He said, “***I am persuaded...***” “To be persuaded” is to be convinced by the scriptures that the Bible way was right. Even Paul needed some persuasion. My job as a preacher is to persuade you and talk you into believing. Because you are to forsake your own beliefs.

Romans 8:38-39: Where is the love of God?

Which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Would you like to have God love you in a special way?

Romans 8:39

Death cannot separate us.

If death cannot separate us from the love of God, then there is no such thing as soul sleep.

The false cults teach that when a person dies, there soul sleeps, it is unconscious. You are in nothingness.

The Bible says, “***To absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.***”

What part me absences my body? My soul and Spirit.

Romans 8:38

So, when I die, I am not going to purgatory. My souls does not sleep. Death cannot separate me from the Love of God. ***“For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”***

Death cannot separate me from the love of Christ.

Romans 8:38-39 is not a promise with conditions. It is not a conditional promise. It is an unconditional promise.

He did not say, “If you do this, God will do that.”

Romans 8:38-39

You will never do anything for Jesus Christ until you know for sure that you are saved!

The people who do not know they are saved live dirty lives. People that go to churches that believe you can lose your salvation do not live clean lives. They believe you have to live cleanly to get there.

Romans 8:38

Dying for the Lord is a lot easier than living for the Lord. Why?

How will it be six months from now two years from now? I am talking about what you have been through: the temptations to quit, the temptation to sin, if you know you are going to die, you are going to pray some good prayers.

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life...”

You know I fear life more than I fear death.

“Nor angels...” You can have angels that are unclean spirits. This is where people are afraid of darkness.

“Principalities...” That has to do with governments and rulers. ***“Powers...”***

“Nor things present...” There are a lot of strange things on this earth. That is anything you can dream up. All the bad things on the earth, and this is where we are heading. We talk about how bad things are. How we are not going to last this way.

He says, ***“...things present nor things to come.”***

How far does that last? It keeps going. He is talking about things to come—that is the future. That includes judgments.

You did not have to worry about anything with Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:38-39: ***“Nor height...”*** That is in outer space. They are trying to find life on other planets

“Nor depth...” That is under water.

“Nor any other creature...” That is a big, open-ended statement.

The love of God is in Christ Jesus my Lord.

Lesson 44b Questions

1. Even if you are saved, you may lose your salvation.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. What can separate you from the love of Christ?
3. For a Christian, death is:
 - a. Tragedy
 - b. Blessed Hope
 - c. Tribulation
 - d. Fearful
4. What animals are Christians compared to?
 - a. Goats
 - b. Sheep
 - c. Wolves
 - d. Donkeys
5. A preacher's job is to _____ you into believing.
 - a. Force
 - b. Persuade
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
6. Death finally separates us from the love of God.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. When a person dies, their soul sleeps.
 - a. True
 - b. False
8. Romans 8:38-39 is a(n) _____ promise.
 - a. Conditional
 - b. Unconditional

9. "Nor height" speaks of:
- a. Length
 - b. Under water
 - c. Outer space
 - d. None of the above
10. "Nor depth" speaks of:
- a. Length
 - b. Under water
 - c. Outer space
 - d. None of the above