

A Gospel Worldview – Lesson 9

Victory in Faith

Romans 8:18-39

What is the most difficult time you have experienced in your life?

Overview: The A B B A structure found in Chapters 5 – 8. Chapter 5 and chapter 8 provide the bookends for this topic of Christian Assurance. Benefits of Faith and Provisions of Faith.

A. Anticipation of Future Glory (Romans 8:18-25)

1. **God's Glory will be the Climax (Romans: 8:18)**

2. **Creation in Decay (Romans 8:19-22)**
 - Our physical world has suffered because of sin. Suffering that will eventually lead to a new world.

3. **The Already – Not Yet Tension (Romans 8:23-25)**
 - We “Hope” in the salvation to come.
 - Once the spirit comes into our lives, we realize that there is more to come. That is why we groan when we have the spirit.

B. God Provides (Romans 8:26-30)

1. **The spirit comes to our aid.** The spirit knows our heart and is able to ask God for what we need. The spirit is in perfect harmony with God.

Key point – our inability to pray as we desire, does not hinder the spirit from communicating with God for us.

2. **God wants what is “Good” for us. (28)**
 - a. **What verse 28 is not saying.**
 - You have to mix everything together before you see what is good.
 - If something bad happens, something better is going to come your way. Good is being defined in a narrow and possible materialistic way.

b. What verse 28 is saying.

Your Good will be tied to sharing in God's glory. Experiencing God's glory today and in anticipation of future glory. Those who love God and are called according to his purpose are "Followers of Christ."

c. Truths from this verse

- Spiritual Realm is more important than the physical realm.
- Nothing will happen to us that is not under the direction of God. (God's Sovereignty)
- It provides assurance in our relationship with God in our present life and the life to come.

3. The Great Plan of God (Another Debated Verse) (29-30)

Either – Foreknew means God has chosen you to be in a relationship with Him that you had no choice in refusing. Therefore, you were predestined.

Or – God knew beforehand that you would accept his call and thus from that point on, you were predestined.

We can all Agree – This is all a part of God's Plan and God did all the work for you to experience salvation today and to experience salvation to come. Whether you responded to his call or you did not have a choice but to respond to His call, the fact is that you are a child of God.

Conclusion: Romans 8:31-39

Celebrates the "Work" that God did for us and the "Love" God gives us. This celebration concludes the assurance of salvation that he has been describing since Chapter 5.

