

No Pain, No Gain

Series: A Journey through Romans 8 – January 2017

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SERIES OVERVIEW

Now...A Victory Against Condemnation – Romans 8:1-4 – Jan. 8

There is an intense battle taking place. This includes an ongoing war with condemnation.

- *Therefore there is now no condemnation...in Christ Jesus.*
- *What the Law could not do, God did...*
- *...for those who live by the Spirit.*

What You Think Is What You Get – Romans 8:5-17 – Jan. 15

- *The mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace...*
- *We choose. To think on "the flesh" is death; think on the Spirit is life.*

No Pain, No Gain – Romans 8:16-30 – Jan. 22

- *Our suffering today doesn't come anywhere close to Christ's glory tomorrow*
- *As we join in sharing Christ's suffering today, our hope is to share in Christ's glory tomorrow.*
- *We can try to avoid suffering; or we can embrace it as a way to identify with Christ – and the result will be GAIN!*

The Sweetest of Victories – Romans 8:28-39 – Jan. 29

- *The way God guarantees his love makes it a sweet victory!*

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Scripture: Romans 8:14-30 (NIV1984)

¹⁴because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear,
but you received the Spirit of sonship.

And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs –

heirs of God and
co-heirs with Christ,
if indeed

we share in his sufferings

in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸I consider that

our present sufferings are not worth comparing
with the glory that will be revealed in us.

¹⁹The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration,
not by its own choice,
but by the will of the one who subjected it,
in hope ²¹that the creation itself
will be liberated from its bondage to decay and
brought into the glorious freedom
of the children of God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning
as in the pains of childbirth
right up to the present time.

²³Not only so,
but we ourselves,
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly as we wait eagerly
for our adoption as sons,
the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴For in this hope we were saved.

But hope that is seen is no hope at all.

Who hopes for what he already has?

²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have,
we wait for it patiently.

²⁶In the same way,
the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

We do not know what we ought to pray for,
but the Spirit himself intercedes for us
with groans that words cannot express.

²⁷And he who searches our hearts
knows the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
in accordance with God's will.

²⁸And we know that in all things
God works for the good
of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those God foreknew
he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son,
that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

³⁰And those he predestined, he also called;
those he called, he also justified;
those he justified, he also glorified.