

The Sweetest of Victories

Series: A Journey through Romans 8 – January 2017

January 29, 2017

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 8:28-39 (NIV1984) – *see reverse side*

Chapter Review

1. Therefore, there is NOW NO condemnation.
2. Through Jesus Christ, God did what we could not do.
3. *To experience this, we focus on the things of the Spirit.*
4. *To experience this, we live as sons and daughters of God.*
5. *To experience this, we join Jesus in his pain...and gain (glory).*
6. *To experience this, we press through an intense battle.*
7. *To experience this, the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness.*
8. God is very purposeful in this battle...he wants a big family!
9. We have powerful intercessors for us...the Holy Spirit and Jesus.
10. God justifies; no one else can condemn.
11. In Christ, we are more than conquerors.
12. Nothing can separate us from God's love.

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28 And we know that in all things
God works for the good
of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose.
29 For those God foreknew
he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son,
that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
30 And those he predestined, he also called;
those he called, he also justified;
those he justified, he also glorified.

31 What, then, shall we say in response to this?
If God is for us, who can be against us? 32
He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all –
how will he not also, along with him,
graciously give us all things?
33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?
It is God who justifies.
34 Who is he that condemns?
Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life –
is at the right hand of God and
is also interceding for us.
35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine
or nakedness or danger or sword?
36 As it is written:
“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
38 For I am convinced that
neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers,
39 neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.