

The Major Seven



Study #6

Romans 8

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Introduction

Romans 8

Considered by many biblical scholars to be the most important chapter on “What it means to be a Christian:”

The Apostle Paul crafts one of the most theologically profound chapters in the entire Bible, contrasting living life in the Spirit versus living it by your sinful, human desires.

The Passage

Romans 8 Breakdown		
Verse(s)	Summary	Details
1-13	The Spirit of Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Spirit (which is mentioned 21 times in this chapter) is dominant and stands in contrast to our sinful flesh.• A contrast between law and grace.• For those in Christ, eternal life replaces condemnation and death – the lot of everyone who is “in Adam”.• The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is the same Spirit in us.• When we are dominated by our sinful nature, we are controlled by it, whereas when we are controlled by the Spirit, we put to death the deeds of our sinful nature.
14-17	The Spirit of Adoption	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit-filled believers are children of God.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No longer fearful slaves, but heirs to God's glory and suffering.
18-30	The Spirit of Glory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our present sufferings are nothing compared to our future glory. • All of creation is eagerly awaiting the day when it will be released from the sin of death and decay. • The Spirit helps us on our weakness, even when words fail us. • God works all things for our good in this way – that there is nothing in this world that is not intended by God to assist us on our earthly pilgrimage and bring us safely home.
31-39	The Celebration of a Believer's Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As children of God, we are secured in the love of Christ, which is inseparable, because God is for us, not against us. • Nothing in the physical realm, spiritual realm, the present or future, all things above or below, nor any created thing can separate us from God's love.

The Lessons – Why is this an important chapter to know and understand?

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