

## Romans

Bible Class 7

Freed From Suffering And Death  
Rom 8:18-39

## Freed From The Law of Sin And of Death

1. We have been released from the Law  
Rom 7:1-6
2. Is the Law sin? Rom 7:7-14
3. The Christian's conflict with sin Rom  
7:15-25
4. The gospel has set us free from the law  
of sin and of death Rom 8:1-4
5. Set your mind on the things of the Spirit,  
the gospel Rom 8:5-8

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6. God dwells in us through the gospel Rom  
8:9-11
7. By the gospel we must put to death the  
deeds of the body Rom 8:12-13
8. Led by the gospel we serve as loving  
children heirs of God Rom 8:14-17

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## Introduction

- Although by the gospel, we have been set free from the law of sin and of death, we still undergo suffering in this life ultimately ending in our physical death
- But, through Christ, we overcome all suffering even physical death one day being raised from the dead when our body will be changed into a spiritual body fitted for eternity in heaven

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## Introduction

- In Rom 8:18-39, we have at least six reasons given for why we should be encouraged and continue to lovingly serve God through Jesus no matter what the amount of suffering we may endure including physical death
- Some parts of this passage are quite difficult and many sincere brethren have come to different conclusions

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## Introduction

- I will provide my honest conclusions on how I understand these verses but will not be dogmatic believing there is no room for me to reconsider and even change my understanding from future study of the passage

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- We must look beyond our suffering to the glory that is to come in the resurrection knowing this hope is sure, God hears our prayers even our groanings, He works all things for good so we can overcome all obstacles to be with Him eternally
- If we are going to be with God for eternity, we cannot remain in this life and in our decaying body

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## Freed From Suffering And Death

1. Our present suffering not worthy to be compared with eternal glory Rom 8:18
2. Waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body Rom 8:19-23
3. In hope we have been saved Rom 8:24-25
4. The spirit also helps our weakness Rom 8:26-27

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## Freed From Suffering And Death

5. God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God Rom 8:28-30
6. We overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us Rom 8:31-39

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## Our present suffering not worthy to be compared with eternal glory

Rom 8:17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

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## Our present suffering not worthy to be compared with eternal glory

- The present sufferings assailing Christians are at least three fold, one common to all humanity and two common to Christians
- First, we suffer like all men suffer, sickness and pain in this life leading to physical death but the Christian has hope of a great eternal reward, being with God for eternity

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## Our present suffering not worthy to be compared with eternal glory

- Then, as Christians we suffer as we seek to fight daily against sin putting it to death so that we may live for God to His glory
- Finally, we suffer persecution as we live for Christ being persecuted even to death at times by those who rebel against God
- In Rom 8:18 the focus is more on the last two forms of suffering with common physical suffering mentioned next

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## Our present suffering not worthy to be compared with eternal glory

- Despite all suffering temporarily endured in this life including suffering for righteousness, none of our suffering is worthy to be compared with the eternal glory that is to come to Christians

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## Common suffering to all men

1. Gen 3:16-19, 22-24

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Christian suffering as we daily put sin to death in our bodies so we may live for God

1. Rom 8:12-13
2. Rom 7:22-23

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Christian suffering as we are persecuted by those who rebel against God

1. Act 14:22
2. Heb 12:1-3
3. 1Pe 2:21-24
4. 1Pe 4:12-16

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## Our present suffering not worthy to be compared with eternal glory

1. 2Co 4:16-18

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## Waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body

Rom 8:19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

Rom 8:20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

Rom 8:21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

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## Waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body

Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

Rom 8:23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

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## Waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body

- Although our minds, spirits, are being renewed daily by the gospel, our physical bodies, what has been created, the creation, are decaying, eventually dying
- We are encouraged by the first fruits of the Spirit, our renewed spirit by the gospel
- We press on, groaning while suffering but eagerly waiting for the redemption of our body, the receiving of a glorified body at the resurrection of the dead

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## Waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body

1. 2Co 4:16-18
2. Rom 7:4
3. Gal 5:22-23
4. 2Co 5:1-10
5. Php 3:20-21
6. 1Co 15:50-58
7. 1Jn 3:1-3

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## In hope we have been saved

Rom 8:24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees?

Rom 8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

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## In hope we have been saved

- Because we have been saved in hope of the resurrection to eternal glory, we persevere in spite of all suffering
- This hope is about what is to come in the future which will one day be realized
- Jesus has preceded us and one day we shall be with Him

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## In hope we have been saved

1. Rom 5:1-5
2. 1Pe 1:3-9
3. 1Th 4:13-18

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## The word spirit in Romans 8

- In Rom 8:26-27 as well as throughout chapter 8, we must determine in what ways the word spirit is used
- The word spirit is found 21 times in Romans 8
- The word spirit is used in three different ways in Romans 8
- It may refer to the Holy Spirit, to the human spirit or to a mindset, attitude

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## The word spirit in Romans 8

- In the original Greek manuscripts, the words were written in all capital letters
- In our translations, the translators decided on when the word spirit should be capitalized when they believed it referred to the Holy Spirit
- Therefore, we must lean on the immediate and remote contexts to aid us in understanding these verses

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## The word spirit used to mean three different things

Rom 8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

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## The spirit also helps our weakness

Rom 8:26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

Rom 8:27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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## The spirit also helps our weakness

- The more popular interpretation of Rom 8:26-27 is that the Holy Spirit is the one who helps us in prayer by interceding for us to God
- But, another way to interpret it and what I believe is correct, is that the spirit identified is the human spirit that makes intercession for our suffering body so that Christ can bring our prayers to God even when we are intensely suffering

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## Reasons for believing the human spirit also helps our weakness

1. The word "himself" is a neuter gender word
2. There is one mediator between God and man, Jesus
3. Jesus is the one who reads our hearts and intercedes for us

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## Reasons for believing the human spirit also helps our weakness

4. Intercession is made through our groanings in suffering that we are unable to utter
5. Everything the Holy Spirit does directly to men's minds He does through the Word

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## The word "himself" is a neuter gender word

Rom 8:26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

(Rom 8:26 KJV) 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 uttered.

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## Where neither or both male and female genders are meant

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## There is one mediator between God and man, Jesus

1. 1Tim 2:5-6
2. 1Jn 2:1-2
3. Rom 8:34
4. Heb 7:25-28

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1. Act 1:24, 15:8
2. Rev 2:23
3. Heb 2:17-18
4. Heb 4:12-16
5. Pro 20:27

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1. Rom 8:18
2. Joh 11:33, 38
3. 2Co 5:1-4
4. Exo 2:23-24, 3:7
5. Rom 8:23

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Everything the Holy Spirit does directly to men's minds He does through the Word

- From the time, one hears and obeys the gospel to become a Christian until he departs this life in death, the Holy Spirit works through the gospel, the Word of God to influence, instruct, strengthen and equip him in his service to God
- Whatever the Holy Spirit is said to do can also be verified that the Word is doing

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- Therefore the gospel, the apostles' teachings, is the means by which the Holy Spirit works upon the minds of both sinners and Christians that they may become and live as children of God

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Everything the Holy Spirit does directly to men's minds He does through the Word

1. Born of the Spirit Joh 3:5, 1Pe 1:23
2. Giving life Joh 6:63
3. Testify of Jesus Joh 15:26, 5:39
4. Convict the world Joh 16:8, 2Ti 4:2
5. Comforts Act 9:31, 1Th 4:18
6. Makes elders Act 20:28, 2Ti 2:2, Tit 1:5
7. Frees from sin Rom 8:2, 6:17-18
8. Led by the Spirit Rom 8:14, Psa 119:105

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| 9. Bear witness with our spirit Rom 8:16, 1Jo 2:5 | 12. Washed, sanctified, justified 1Co 6:11, Joh 15:3, 17:17, Gal 2:16 |
| 10. Abound in hope Rom 15:13, 4                   |   |
| 11. Possesses power Rom 15:13, 1:16               | 13. Leads sinners to believe in Jesus 1Co 12:3, Rom 10:17             |

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| 14. Led to be baptized 1Co 12:13, Eph 5:25-27          | 17. The fruit of the Spirit Gal 5:22-23, Col 1:5-6               |
| 15. Transforms us into Jesus' likeness 2Co 3:18, 4:3-7 | 18. Strengthened with power in the inner man Eph 3:16, Act 20:32 |
| 16. Walk in the Spirit Gal 5:16-18 25 2Jn 1:6          | 19. Gives understanding Eph 3:14-19, 3:1-7                       |

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| 20. Filled Eph 5:18-19, Col 3:16     | 24. Calls us to come to Christ Rev 22:17, 2Th 2:14 |
| 21. Fellowship Php 2:1-2, 1Jn 1:3, 7 |  |
| 22. Speaks 1Ti 4:1                   |  |
| 23. Saved Tit 3:5, Jas 1:21          |  |

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God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God

Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

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God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;  
Rom 8:30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

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God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God

- God is not the cause of evil and does not call evil good
- God works all things together for good even suffering to fulfill His purpose
- He brings good even from suffering to those who love Him
- His purpose is for us to be conformed to Jesus' image and be glorified
- We can choose either to heed or reject the call of the gospel

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## God is not the cause of evil and does not call evil good

1. Isa 5:20
2. Jas 1:12-15

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1. Gen 45:4-9, 50:15-21
2. Est 4:11-17
3. Act 2:22-24, 36-38, 41-42
4. 2Co 12:7-10
5. Php 1:12-17, 21-24
6. Heb 12:1-14

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## He brings good even from suffering to those who love Him

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

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1. Rom 12:1-2
2. 2Co 3:17-18
3. Php 2:3-8, 3:20-21
4. 2Ti 2:8-10

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## We can choose either to heed or reject the call of the gospel

1. 2Th 2:13-14
2. 2Co 2:14-17

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## We overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us

Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?  
Rom 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

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## We overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us

Rom 8:33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;  
Rom 8:34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

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## We overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us

Rom 8:35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Rom 8:36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

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## We overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us

1. Psa 44:20-26
2. Job 13:15-16, 19:25-27

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## We overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us

Rom 8:37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

Rom 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

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## We overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us

Rom 8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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1. Mat 26:28, 32
2. Act 2:38, 42
3. 1Jn 1:7-9
4. Rev 2:10, 12:10-11

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