

Secured By The Sovereignty of God

Romans 8

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The Over-Arching theme of Romans 8 is the unquestioned and unchangeable eternal security of those who are in Christ.

Life According to The Spirit

The Christian life is initiated, empowered, and secured through the indwelling Holy Spirit

Romans 8:5-17

Secured and Sanctified Through Suffering (part 1)

Romans 8:18-28

Romans 8:18-21

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

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

Romans 8:22-25

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

²⁴ For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Romans 8:26-28

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; 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.

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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Understanding where suffering comes from, what it is accomplishing now, and what it will lead to in the future determines the basis for hope in the midst of it.

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There is *no suffering* that is worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed...

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 - The judicial decree of God (vs 20)

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 - We choose to remember the promise (vs 28)

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