

Romans 8

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 8.

B. The Christian has many freedoms.

C. Creation is groaning, we are groaning, the Spirit groans and Jesus groans. (John 11)

II. God is at work, he is working according to a plan and he is going to succeed.

A. Travail leads to birth.

B. We do not live on explanations. We live on promises.

C. God's purpose is to make us more like Jesus.

D. Sanctification is letting the glory of God come out.

E. God is working all things for our good and his glory.

F. Do not fight against circumstances. Thank God and it takes the bitterness out.

G. We are to glorify God. (John 17)

III. God is for us not against us.

A. We are so secure that nothing can take our spiritual state away.

B. Nothing can harm the person who is spiritually mature.

C. The only thing we can control is our spiritual life.

D. Spiritual containment leads to contentment.

E. If God gave us his best--his Son--he will give us the rest.

F. God takes care of the elect. (Acts 18)

G. Grace is love paying a price.

IV. We are more than conquerors in difficult circumstances.

A. God does not always change the circumstances.

B. Being more than a conqueror means that God changes us.

V. God's providence is working out his purpose to conform us to Christ, and God loves us in spite of our sins. (Genesis 42:36)

Application questions:

1. How is the glory of God manifest in a Christian's suffering?

2. Why thank God in all circumstances? How have you experienced the benefits of this?

3. In what ways is God for us? Explain.
