

Romans 8 builds and builds to many superlative concepts!

The whole chapter is the evidence of why there is “now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Based on MacArthur Outline: <https://www.gty.org/library/study-guides/215/security-in-the-spirit>

- I. From Sin to Righteousness (2-11)
  - A. Freed from sin and death (2-3)
    - i. “Law” like “work” in John 6:28-29
    - ii. Gospel (2)
  - B. Enabled to fulfill God’s law (4)
    - i. Saved from penalty of sin in salvation
    - ii. Saved from power of sin in sanctification:
      - a) must walk after the Spirit
      - b) produces fruit (Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 2:10, Titus 2:14)
      - c) not perfect until heaven (1 John 3:2-3)
    - iii. Saved from presence of sin in glorification
  - C. Our nature is changed (5-11)
    - i. JM: only 2 kinds of people: v. 5. Not sex, culture, race, class, education.
    - ii. Degrees in each category. But categories are absolute.
    - iii. Not a consequence but actually death or life and peace (6). Eph. 2:1; 1 Tim 5:6; Rom 7:5
    - iv. Cannot submit to or glorify God (7-8)
      - a) Unbelievers
      - b) Believers
        - Rom. 8:23 groaning in our sin
        - 2 Cor. 5:17 new creation but still in mortal body Rom. 7:24
    - v. Spirit’s work:
      - a) Proves our salvation (9)
        - Not looking holy
        - 2 Cor. 13:5 examine
          - Fruit of the Spirit?
          - Long to pray and be in God’s Word?
          - Thankfulness and praise to God?
        - Spirit of God AND of Christ. Trinity!
      - b) Regenerated (10)
      - c) Glorified (11)
- II. Empowered for Victory (12-13)
  - A. Must be transformed first (5-11)
  - B. Recognize no power apart from God in us for doing good (7:18)
  - C. It is a supernatural battle (2 Cor. 10:1-5)
  - D. Being filled.
    - i. Appropriate the power.
    - ii. Not ecstatic or mystical
    - iii. MacDonald booklet
- III. Adopted (14-16)
  - A. Adult heirs
    - i. 2 Cor. 6:17-18
    - ii. Eph. 1:5
    - iii. Israel’s adoption: Rom. 9:4
  - B. Confirmed in our Adoption
    - i. Led by the Spirit (14)
      - a) Illumination 1 Cor. 2:14
      - b) Sanctification
    - ii. Freed by the Spirit (15)
      - a) Fear of punishment: 2 Tim. 1:7; 1 John 4:18

- b) God's presence: Abba (Mark 14:36)
  - iii. Confirmed, don't doubt it: 8:34, Rev. 12:10
- IV. Gain of Glory (17-18)
  - A. Salvation is to end in glory (29-30)
  - B. Heirs of glory (John 17:22)
  - C. The proof of glory: John 15:18; 2 Tim. 3:2 (extremes from light affliction to martyrdom); 1 Pet. 1:6-8; 5:10; 2 Cor. 4:8-18;
  - D. Comparison of glory (18): 2 Cor. 4:17.
- V. Groans for glory (19-27)
  - A. Creation groans (19-22) (photos on Windows of places: futility)
    - i. Law of entropy is due to the curse
    - ii. Hope of the new heavens and earth (Rev. 21:1-4)
    - iii. Pain of childbirth brings forth something good
  - B. Believers groan for glory (23-25)
    - i. Ps. 38:4, 9; Rom. 7:24; 2 Cor. 5:4
    - ii. A taste of glory (fruit)
  - C. Spirit groans (26-27)
    - i. Not tongues.
    - ii. Grieved and quenched
    - iii. Interceding (with Christ: Luke 22:31; Heb. 7:25)
    - iv. We don't know how to pray for ourselves (2 Cor. 12:7-10; Phil. 4:11)
    - v. "divine sighs" by the Holy Spirit to get us to glory (Phil 1:19)
    - vi. The Father listens to the Holy Spirit
- VI. Security (28-39)
  - A. 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.
    - i. All things: good and bad, for good
    - ii. Not everyone
      - a) love God
      - b) called
    - iii. God does it, His purpose
    - iv. "We know..."
  - B. Salvation (29-30)
    - i. Purpose
    - ii. Progress
      - a) Foreknowledge and predestination
      - b) Called (JM: "Here's where God's eternal plan intersects with your life.")
        - Gospel.
        - Bible teaches people go to hell because they reject the gospel (John 3:18)
        - Paradoxes
      - c) Justified Rom. 3:23-25
      - d) Glorified (past tense)
  - C. Salvation Security
    - i. No one can revoke our salvation (31-34)
      - a) God loves us (32)
        - Gave His own Son
        - Give us every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3)
      - b) No charge against us: God's work of justification (33)
      - c) Secure in Christ (34) 4 reasons
    - ii. Nothing can revoke our security (35-39)
      - a) Adversities (35) 33 "who," 35 "what" circumstances. Paul's list 2 Cor. 11:24-27.
      - b) 36 quote from Ps. 44:22, part of God's people.
      - c) 37 overwhelming victory
      - d) Confidence 38-39