

# A Walk Down The Romans Road

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10:30 AM

## Encountering The Truths of The Book of Romans

### Chapter 8 The Power of our Position in Christ

Paul begins Chapter 8 with this powerful conditional statement that includes two parts.... What Christ has done for us and our choice to participate in that work

The first condition is contained in the first word of this chapter - **THEREFORE**. Therefore, there is now. In other words, **BECAUSE** of everything I have told you up to this point, what I am now going to tell us is possible and is true

But there is a second condition in this first verse. A condition that hinges on one tiny word - **IN**. For those who are **IN** Christ Jesus. Remember if Paul says this is true for those who are **IN** Christ Jesus, then it must be equally true that there are those who are not **IN** Christ Jesus and thus do not meet the condition for the truths he now wants to share with us

It is a classic IF - THEN Statement... *a logical rule that connects a condition (the "if") to a specific result or action (the "then").*

Another way to say it is.... Because this is true. Then this is true. Because God has done this for us and because we have chosen to act upon it by faith; then what we are about to read is true

So let's take a moment to remind ourselves of **WHAT** comes before the **THEREFORE** and **WHAT** constitutes our being **IN** Christ Jesus

Because...

**Chapter 1...** We have heard **THE CALL OF THE GOSPEL** to **FOLLOW** and to be **FAITHFUL** and have responded to that call by choosing to follow Christ and by continuing to be faithful to that call

#### **Romans 1:2-4**

**2** the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures **3** regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, **4** and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

And because...

Chapter 2... We have accepted Jesus call to live out our faith with **AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY**...

**Romans 2:6-7**

**6** God “will repay each person according to what they have done.” **7** To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

- Focuses on JUDGING OURSELVES rather than JUDGING OTHERS
- Allows God to be THE JUDGE and understands that He will judge us all according to HIS TRUTH, **not ours**
- Seeks to be filled with KINDNESS, FORBEARANCE and PATIENCE
- Maintains a SOFT and REPENTANT HEART
- Is not a Christian in NAME ONLY
- AVOIDS HYPOCRISY of all kinds
- Is more concerned about WHAT GOD THINKS ABOUT THEM than what OTHERS THINK ABOUT THEM

And because...

Chapter 3... **CHRIST IS OUR ATONING SACRIFICE**... and we have believed that He is our Passover Lamb and have willingly and obediently applied the blood of His sacrifice to the doorpost is our hearts

**Romans 3:23-25**

**23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. **25** God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

And because...

Chapter 4... We like Abraham have believed the promise with a **FAITH** that does not waiver but is strengthened and gives glory to God being fully persuaded that God has power to do what He has promised

**Romans 4:20-21**

**20** Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, **21** being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

### *A FAITH that...*

- has GOD and the Truth of His Word as its object
- is BELIEF... but it so MUCH MORE than that
  - It is hope
  - It is trust
  - It is assurance
  - It is confidence
  - It is certainty
  - It is being fully persuaded
  - It is declaration
  - It is taking a stand
- is a way of seeing and understanding that does not involve physical eyesight or human understanding
- is BIG not small
- is not without EVIDENCE
- doesn't IGNORE REALITY
- is not the ABSENCE of doubt but OVERCOMES doubt
- is ACTIVE not PASSIVE
- DEMAND it DECLARES
- That can be STRENGTHENED
- SURRENDERS to the will of The Father
- has the ASSURANCE that the BATTLE has already been won
- CONTINUES the JOURNEY with CONFIDENCE

### **And because...**

**Chapter 5...** This **AMAZING GRACE** of God has captured our hearts and transformed our lives

#### **Romans 5:8**

**8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### A GRACE that...

- doesn't make sense
- isn't DESERVED
- offers salvation to EVERYONE who will receive it by faith
- not only forgives our DEBT, but CREDITS our account
- EMPOWERS and TRANSFORMS us to live righteously and walk in right relationship with God
- STRENGTHENS us and causes us to PERSEVERE building character and giving us hope even in the midst of severe suffering and trial
- is GREATER, so much greater, than ALL our transgressions

And because...

**Chapter 6...** That AMAZING GRACE has broken the power of Sin so that we are no longer slaves to sin but should offer ourselves as **SLAVES TO GOD**.

**Romans 6:11-13**

**11** In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. **12** Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. **13** Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

And because...

**Chapter 7...** The power of Christ IN US gives us victory over **THE BATTLE WITHIN**

**Romans 7:24-25**

**24** What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? **25** Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Allowing us to...

- Recognize what Sin is and Acknowledge its presence in our lives
- Take steps to Remove it
- Fill ourselves with the things of God
- Seal up all possible breaches where sin can gain access

**THEREFORE...**

## **Romans 8**

**8** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, **2** because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. **3** For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

**5** Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. **6** The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. **7** The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. **8** Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

**9** You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. **10** But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. **11** And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

**12** Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. **13** For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

**14** For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. **15** The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "*Abba, Father.*" **16** The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. **17** Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

### **Present Suffering and Future Glory**

**18** I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. **19** For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. **20** For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

**22** We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. **23** Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? **25** But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

**26** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. **27** And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

**28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **29** For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. **30** And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

### **More Than Conquerors**

**31** What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? **33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. **34** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? **36** As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

**37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Chapter 8 The Power of our Position in Christ

- **NO CONDEMNATION** (Verse 1)

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- **LIFE** (Verse 2)

**2** because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

- **RIGHTEOUSNESS** (verse 4)

**4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

- **A mind GOVERNED by THE SPIRIT of GOD** (verses 5-8)

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- **ADOPTION to SONSHIP** (Verses 14-15)

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- **The PROMISE of a RESSURECTED and GLORIFIED body** (Verses 18-25)

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#### **\*Our BLESSED HOPE**

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\*Only YOU can separate yourself from the Power of your Position in Christ.