



THE

G O S P E L

BOOK OF ROMANS

SERMON
NOTES

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“The Gospel: Heirs of God!”

Romans 8:14-39

¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The 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.” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷Now 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

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

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not 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. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵But 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.*

Romans 8:14-39 (NIV)

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A quick review of Romans 8:1-17:

- To leave the life defined by the flesh
- To replace it with the life of the Spirit

8:1-13 – The Spirit of life

8:14-17 – The Spirit of adoption

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ...” (Rom. 8:16-17a)

(Note to self: _____)

What does it mean to be a child of God? It means we have:

“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.” (Rom. 8:17)

1. AN UNBELIEVABLE Inheritance (8:14-27)

a. We Share in the Sufferings of Christ

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.” (Rom. 8:18)

“For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.” (2 Cor. 4:17)

b. We Share in the Glory of Christ

2. THE STEADFAST Love of God (8:28-39)

a. Five Undeniable Affirmations

b. Five Unanswerable Questions

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- 32:
- 33:
- 34:
- 35:

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(Rom. 8:38-39)*

c. Who Are We in Christ?