
Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008
Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God

Mark Your Observations

Record Observations & Questions

Romans 8:26-30

- 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us
in our weakness.
For we do not know
what to pray for as we ought,
but the Spirit himself intercedes for us
with groanings too deep for words.
- 27 And he who searches hearts
knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to the will of God.
- 28 And we know
that
for those who love God
all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose.
- 29 For those whom
he foreknew
he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
- 30 And those whom he predestined
he also called,
and those whom he called
he also justified,
and those whom he justified
he also glorified. (ESV)

Review

In chapter 6, Paul taught us that believers are dead to the controlling authority (domination) of sin (6:1-14) and that we must be slaves to God (6:15-25). We have been transferred from the realm of sin to the realm of righteousness; we are not in a neutral state.

In chapter 7, Paul explained that neither the Law nor our will is capable of overcoming the allure of sin. Our struggle with present sin—even though we are dead to sin and dead to the Law (7:1-6)—is heightened through the Law which arousing in us desires by making something forbidden. On our own and in our own strength we have a great struggle with sin and an inability to overcome sin (7:13-25). We are therefore incapable of either doing what we desire to or what we do not want to do.

Once we understand our inability we are ready for the solution. Chapter 8 has 19 references to the Spirit—it is the Spirit that enables the believer to walk in a manner that pleases God.

We are children of God, with the presence of the indwelling Spirit to enable us to overcome sin—but the motivation is relationship, not rules. We have an intimate relationship with our adopted Father (Abba) which should motivate us to maintain that relationship even when suffering, in light of the wonders yet to come of our ultimate salvation and glorification.

Introduction



Justification: How It Affects Me 6:1–8:39

Believer and Sin 6:1-23

Believer and the Law 7:1-25

Believer and the Holy Spirit 8:1-39

The believer's relationship to the Holy Spirit gives assurance of victory in Christian life.



Reasons why believers should endure the present suffering:

Because the future glory far exceeds the present suffering 8:18-25

Because of the present assistance of the Holy Spirit 8:26-27

What should we pray for?



What is our weakness?

What does the Spirit provide?

Because God works all things according to His plan with the purpose of conforming us to the image of God 8:28-30

What is the best thing for you?

Foreknew

Predestined

Called

Justified

Glorified

Summary / Key Point

God's _____ for our lives is _____ into the image of His Son



How does the encouragement of this passage motivate my daily living?