

Romans Chapter 8

Truths that every Christian should know (Part 1)

I. Please turn with me to Romans Chapter 8

- a. Romans Chapter 8 is arguably considered one of the greatest chapters found in the Bible – possibly, the greatest chapter ever written
 - i. In Romans Chapter 8, the apostle Paul takes the time to share with us countless *spiritual truths* and *treasures* which apply to all believers
 - ii. This chapter is considered to be the “climax” of the entire book – the apostle Paul opens our eyes to countless *spiritual truths* we have in Christ
 - iii. Like no other chapter in the Bible, this chapter will completely refresh, transform, strengthen, and challenge your Christian walk
- b. And this morning, I want to take the time and examine some of these spiritual truths that the apostle Paul shares with us in Romans Chapter 8
 - i. I have entitled our study – “***Truths that every Christian should know***”
 - ii. As a believer, it is so important that we constantly remind ourselves and familiarize ourselves with the truths & promises found in the Bible
 - iii. In **2 Peter 1:12**, the apostle Peter shares with us the importance of reminding ourselves of the truths, promises, and principles found in the Bible
 - iv. In **Romans 10:17**, the apostle Paul tells us, “***Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God***”
 - v. In **Ephesians 6:14a**, the apostle Paul also tells us that we must “***gird our waists with truth...***”
 - vi. Therefore, as believers, it is so important that we remind ourselves of the Truths found in the Bible and establish ourselves in those Truths
 - vii. Listen, know who you are in Christ, know what you have in Christ, and know who you serve in Christ, and I promise you, you will accomplish great and mighty things for the Kingdom of God
 - viii. **Daniel 11:32** declares, “***...but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits***” e.g. My Mom
- c. Therefore, this morning we are going to look at “four spiritual truths” that every Christian should know found in Romans Chapter 8
 - i. Next week, we will finish up our study and look at four more spiritual truths found in Romans Chapter 8 – “**2-Part Study**”

II. Truth #1 – “You will never be condemned”

- a. In verse 1a, the apostle Paul declares, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus...”
 - i. The first spiritual truth every Christian should know is this – “***You will never be condemned!***”
 - ii. The apostle Paul tells us that there is “***no condemnation***” to those who are in Christ Jesus

- iii. As a Christian, you will never be condemned, judged, or punished for your sins – “There is no future judgment awaiting you”
- iv. In **John 5:24**, the Lord Jesus declared, “*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life*”
- b. In Christ, we have been passed over from judgment, condemnation, and death
 - i. You see, before we came to Christ, we were all condemned sinners who deserved the righteous judgment of God
 - ii. We broke the law of God, and thus, we deserve to be condemned...
 - iii. However, the moment we placed our faith and trust in Jesus Christ, we allowed Him to take our judgment and condemnation on our behalf
 - iv. And now, in Christ, we are left in the position of “No Condemnation,” in other words, we are declared “Not Guilty” by the Almighty Judge
 - v. In **Colossians 2:14**, the apostle Paul tells us that Christ “*wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross*”
 - vi. Jesus Christ has given us a clean record, a clean slate, and a new beginning...Amen.
- c. Now, this deliverance from condemnation is not only speaking about a future deliverance, but also, a present deliverance
 - i. You see, we also have been delivered from the condemnation the Enemy brings against us to discourage us when we fail
 - ii. As Christians, we all fail (*no one is perfect*), and when we do fail, the Enemy is quick to bring words of condemnation against us
 - iii. He try’s to convince us that we have “blown it” with God and God is finished with us – “No possibility of forgiveness or restoration”
- d. However, the Bible tells us, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus”
 - i. As we confess our sins and repent from our sin, God is faithful and just and He will cleanse us from all unrighteousness
 - ii. You will never exhaust the forgiveness of God – “***His Forgiveness is Limitless and His Mercy is Measureless***”
- e. Psalm 103:11 declares, “For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him”

III. Truth #2 – “You have the remedy for sin”

- a. In verse 11, the Apostle Paul declares, “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”
 - i. The second spiritual truth every Christian should know is this – “***You have the remedy for sin dwelling in you – the Spirit of God***”
 - ii. This is a very important spiritual truth that the apostle Paul is sharing with us, in essence, he is telling us how to have “**Victory over Sin**”

- iii. The key to having victory over sin, the flesh, and the world is the Spirit of God – He is dwelling in us and He will give life to our mortal bodies
- iv. The Holy Spirit will impart to us the power and ability to say “No” to the flesh and to say “Yes” to God
- v. **Galatians 5:16** declares, “*I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh*”
- b. Sadly, so many Christians are walking in defeat – they find themselves defeated by sin, by the flesh, and by the world
 - i. They don’t realize that the key to victory is cultivating, feeding, and submitting to the Spirit – “**Walking in the Spirit!**”
 - ii. Victory over sin is not found in attending a seminar, reading a self-help book, or following a twelve step program
 - iii. Victory over sin is only found in the Spirit of God, therefore, make sure you are immersing yourself in the Spirit of God
 - iv. Listen, you need to get connected to the power source and stop trying to run your engine on emotions, feelings, or your own strength
- c. Complete dependence, reliance, and trust on the Spirit of God will bring victory over sin – “The Remedy is in you!”

IV. Truth #3 – “You are a Child of God”

- a. In verses 15-16, the apostle Paul declares, “For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”
 - i. The third spiritual truth every Christian should know is this – “**You are a Child of God**”
 - ii. In Christ, we have been brought into a new relationship with God, we have been adopted into the family of God (*New Identity*)
 - iii. At one time, we were all slaves to sin, children of wrath, condemned criminals, however, the moment we placed our faith and trust in Jesus Christ, we became Children of God
 - iv. **John 1:12** declares, “*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name*”
- b. The Bible tells me that I am a child of God – “I am someone, someone special, someone unique, someone precious, I am a child of the Most High God”
 - i. Now, as Children of God, we have many special privileges and rights made available to us:
 - ii. First, as children of God, God watches over us and protects us as a loving father watches over and protects his children
 - iii. **Psalm 91:11** declares, “*For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways*”
 - iv. Second, as children of God, God provides for us and supplies all our needs as a loving father provides for his children

- v. **Mathew 7:11** declares, *“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”*
- vi. Third, as children of God, God grants us complete access to His presence as a loving father grants his children
- vii. **James 4:8** declares, *“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you”*
- c. What a great privilege it is to be a “Child of God”...
 - i. There is a song entitled “I have a Father” which declares, *“I might not be able to tell the wind when to blow, or the stars to shine at my command, but there is one consolation I’m happy to know, I have a Father who can. I may not be able to tell the sea when to stop before she rolls across the sand, but there is one consolation I’m happy to know, I have a Father who can. A Father who will always understand, and He’ll always be there to lend a helping hand. No matter the situation that this world may bring, if on His word, on His word I stand. I have a Father who can”*

V. Truth #4 – “You have a glorious future waiting for you”

- a. In verse 18, the apostle Paul declares, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us”
 - i. The fourth spiritual truth every Christian should know is this – *“You have a glorious future waiting for you”*
 - ii. The apostle Paul tells us that the sufferings of this present time cannot be compared with the glory that is waiting for us in the future
 - iii. Heaven will be so great, grand, and glorious that it will erase any remembrance of pain, sorrow, or suffering we experienced on earth
- b. As a Christian, the future is bright!
 - i. In **1 Corinthians 1:9**, the apostle Paul declares, *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him”*
 - ii. In **2 Corinthians 4:17**, the apostle Paul declares, *“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory”*
 - iii. One day, we are going to be in the presence of the Lord, and all the suffering, all the tears, all the pain, all the worries, all the trials, all the fears, all the burdens, and all the struggles of this world will be no more...
- c. One day, it will all be finished and we will enter into the presence of the Lord – It is going to be glorious!
 - i. However, until that day arrives, we must continue running the race, fighting the good fight, and keeping our minds set on eternity
 - ii. Don’t give in and don’t give up because it will all be worth it in the end...

VI. Therefore, we see four spiritual truths that every Christian should know – “You will never be condemned, you have the remedy for sin, you are a child of God, and you have a glorious future waiting for you” – Don’t ever forget them!