

Romans Chapter 8

Truths that every Christian Should Know (Part 2)

I. Please turn with me to Romans Chapter 8

- a. If you recall, last week we began a study on Romans Chapter 8 which I entitled “*Truths that every Christian should know*”
 - 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. As a believer, it is so important that we constantly remind ourselves and familiarize ourselves with the *truths & promises* found in the Bible
 - iii. We must know who we are in Christ, know what we have in Christ, and know who we serve in Christ, and we will accomplish great and mighty things for the Kingdom of God – “***Build a Strong Foundation***”
 - iv. Now, last week, we looked at “four spiritual truths” found in Romans Chapter 8 that every Christian should know:
- b. Truth #1 – “*You will never be condemned*”
 - i. In **verse 1a**, the apostle Paul declares, “***There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus...***”
 - ii. As a Christian, you will never be condemned, judged, or punished for your sins – “***There is no condemnation in Christ Jesus***”
 - iii. By receiving Christ into our lives, we allow Him to take the judgment and punishment that we so justly deserve on our behalf
 - iv. And now, we are left in a position of “No Condemnation,” in other words, we are found “Not Guilty” by the great Judge of all the Earth
- c. Truth #2 – “*You have the remedy for sin*”
 - i. 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***”
 - ii. The key to having victory over sin and the flesh is the Spirit of God – He is dwelling in us and He will give life to our mortal bodies
 - iii. The Spirit of God will impart to us the power and ability to say “No” to the flesh and to say “Yes” to God – “***Fully Depend/Rely on the Spirit***”
- d. Truth #3 – “*You are a child of God*”
 - i. 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***”
 - ii. In Christ, we have been brought into a new relationship with God – we have been adopted into the family of God
 - iii. And now, as children of God, our Heavenly Father watches over us, provides for us, and grants us complete access into His presence

- e. Truth #4 – “You have a glorious future waiting for you”
 - i. 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”**
 - ii. One day, we are going to be in the presence of the Lord and all the suffering, pain, tears, worries, trials, and fears will be no more
 - iii. However, until that day arrives, we must continue running the race, fighting the good fight of the faith, and keeping our minds on eternity
- f. Let’s continue our study in Romans Chapter 8 and look at “four more spiritual truths” that every Christian should know:

II. Truth #5 – “You are not alone”

- a. In verses 26-27, the apostle Paul declares, “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God”
 - i. The fifth spiritual truth every Christian should know is this – **“You are not alone”**
 - ii. The apostle Paul tells us that the **“Spirit also helps us in our weaknesses...the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us...”**
 - iii. God has not left us alone, He has not left us as orphans, but He has given us His Spirit to help us and assist us in our Christian walk
 - iv. In **John 14:16-18a**, the Lord Jesus told His disciples, **“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you, I will not leave you orphans...”**
 - v. Interestingly, the word “Helper” used by the Lord Jesus to describe the Holy Spirit is the Greek word “Parakletos” which carries the idea of someone coming alongside another to help or assist them
 - vi. Therefore, the Holy Spirit, as our Helper, comes alongside of us to help us and assist us in our Christian walk and Christian responsibilities
 - vii. I will never be alone for the Holy Spirit is with me and in me – **“It is only when I am all alone that I realize I will never be alone...”**
- b. Now, in Romans 8:26-27, the apostle Paul tells us that one of the areas the Holy Spirit specifically helps us in is with our “prayer life”
 - i. **“...The Spirit Himself makes intercession for us...”** – if there is one area we need help in most as believers it’s in the area of prayer
 - ii. You see, in the area of prayer, Christians tend to have many weaknesses, questions, and struggles, yet the apostle Paul tells us, **“...the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us...”**

- iii. The Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf before the Father during the times we don't know what to say, ask, or do
- c. He is our Helper and He will never leave us nor forsake us, therefore, as Christians, we are not alone – “You will never be alone!”

III. Truth #6 – “You will never be a victim”

- a. In verse 28, the apostle Paul declares, “And we know that all things work together for the good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose”
 - i. The sixth spiritual truth every Christian should know is this – “**You will never be a victim**”
 - ii. Personally, this verse has been one of the most comforting and encouraging statements found in the entire Word of God for my life
 - iii. “...**All things work together for good to those who love God...**” – what an amazing statement found in the Word of God
- b. All things that have ever happened to us, or will ever happen to us, are so controlled and orchestrated by God that the end result is for our good
 - i. God, in His infinite grace, knowledge, wisdom, and power, can use the worst possible events and tragedies in our lives for the greater good...
 - ii. Life's trials, difficulties, and struggles are used by God to fulfill His plans and purposes for our lives – “**He knows what He is doing!**”
 - iii. In **Isaiah 55:8b**, the Lord declares, “...**My ways are not your ways...**”
- c. Now, a perfect illustration of this truth is found in the life of Joseph Cf. Genesis Chapter 37-50
 - i. In the Old Testament we see that Joseph was hated by his brothers, he was thrown into a pit, he was sold into slavery, he was falsely accused by his master's wife, and he was thrown into prison
 - ii. However, eventually, Joseph became second in power over the entire Kingdom of Egypt – second only to Pharaoh himself
 - iii. And under Joseph's rule, countless lives were saved from the severe famine which plagued the land, including, the very brothers which betrayed Joseph and sold him into slavery
 - iv. And at the end of Joseph's life, he summarized all that happened to him by declaring to his brothers, “...**you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive**” – **Genesis 50:20**
- d. God has the ability and power to take what the Devil intended for evil and work it for the good in the life of the Christian – “Find comfort in this truth”
 - i. The greatest illustration of this verse is found in the Cross of Jesus Christ – mankind meant it for evil, but God intended it for good
 - ii. On Friday, Satan and his demonic forces thought they had won, but they didn't know, Sunday was coming...

e. Therefore, take courage fellow Christian, you will never be a victim

IV. **Truth #7 – “You have the victory”**

a. In verse 31 and 37, the apostle Paul declares, “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ...Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us”

i. The seventh spiritual truth every Christian should know is this – **“You have the Victory in Christ”**

ii. Although many people, many circumstances, and many events are against us everyday, because God is for us, we have the victory...

iii. In spite of our great enemies – the world, the flesh, and the devil, we have been guaranteed the victory in Christ Jesus our Lord

iv. We are more than Conquerors in Christ Jesus...

b. What a question asked by the apostle Paul here in Romans Chapter 8, “If God is for us who can be against us? Who can stand against God?”

i. Throughout the Bible, we read of many accounts of people trying to take a stand against God and His people

ii. However, in every account, this truth declared by the apostle Paul is proven to be true, **“If God is for us who can be against us?”**

iii. One of the accounts that comes to my mind is the story of **“David and Goliath”** found in 1 Samuel Chapter 17

iv. For forty days, twice a day, Goliath of Gath challenged God’s people to fight against him – **“Give me a man, that we may fight together”**

v. However, all of Israel were greatly afraid to fight Goliath because he was a Giant who had been trained for war from an early age

vi. Yet, the Bible tells us that there was one young man who wasn’t afraid of the Giant – His name was **“David”**

vii. And against all odds, David approached Goliath with a staff, five smooth stones, and a slingshot, and declared, **“You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand...”**

viii. And on that afternoon, David slayed the Giant...

c. You see, from an early age, David understood, “If God is for us who can be against us,” and because of that, he was able to defeat the Giant

i. As Christians, we are daily confronted with challenges, obstacles, enemies, adversaries, dangers, trials, temptations, and even Giants...

ii. But, we need not fear, for **“If God is for us, who or what can be against us?”** – **“Who can challenge or withstand the Almighty?”**

iii. **Isaiah 54:17a** declares, **“No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord...”**

- iv. **1 Corinthians 15:57** declares, “***But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ***”
- v. **1 John 4:4b** declares, “...***He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world***”
- d. Listen Christian, in Christ, you have been guaranteed the victory, “You are more than a conqueror” – Don’t you ever forget that!

V. Truth #8 – “You will never be separated from the love of God”

- a. In verses 38-39, the apostle Paul declares, “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”
 - i. The eighth spiritual truth every Christian should know is this – “***You will never be separate from the love of God***”
 - ii. One of the greatest lessons a Christian can learn is that nothing can separate him or her from the love of Jesus Christ
 - iii. Every Christian is bound to God by a gracious, patient, unchanging, eternal, indestructible love
 - iv. And nothing or no one can separate us from this love...
- b. Listen, there will never be a time in this life, or the lifetime to come, that you will be separated from the love of God
 - i. God’s love will never leave you, fail you, be taken away from you, abandon you, forsake you, betray you, or disappoint you
 - ii. And this is the love we experience in Christ Jesus...
- c. A famous children’s song says it best, “Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so”
 - i. At the end of the day, everything is going to be okay, because I know that Jesus loves me and nothing will ever separate me from His love...
- d. I may lose my job, I may lose my friends, I may lose a loved one, I may lose my health, I may lose my house, but I will never lose the love of Jesus Christ

VI. Therefore, in Romans Chapter 8, the apostle Paul shares with us “Truths that every Christian should know”

- a. You will never be condemned, you have the remedy for sin, you are a child of God, you have a glorious future waiting for you, you are not alone, you will never be a victim, you have the victory, and you will never be separated from the love of God
 - i. May we never forget these spiritual truths – “...***the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits***” – Dan. 11:32

- ii. Know who you are in Christ, know what you have in Christ, and know who you serve in Christ, and you will accomplish great and mighty things for the Kingdom of God – Let's Pray!