

## **A summer in Rome /**

**Romans 8:1-39**

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The Promised Blessings of those in Christ!

A group of frogs were traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the two frogs that they were as good as dead.

The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit with all of their might. The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead. Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and gave up. He fell down and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out.

When he got out, the other frogs said, “Did you not hear us?” The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

Good morning. Blessing In Jesus

We want to do what is right, but we also want to do what is wrong...so the battle is on! Two forces waging war. The opposing forces of Spirit or self. We do not always feel that we have power to overcome sin, but we need to recognize that certain facts are true, whether we feel it or not. The fact that because we are in Christ and in the Spirit we have the power to walk according to the spirit...and that is the way to live in victory In Christ.

God’s word points us to of how to walk in the Spirit. . And if you believe by faith in Christ you will begin to act that way. Daily surrender to Christ by His Spirit. The Holy Spirit is more than a concept. He is a person and He is God and He does have something to do with your life.

The Apostle has been leading us step by step to understand more fully our new ID in Jesus. The more we understand our ID and the more we believe it to be true under all circumstances, the more quickly we begin to act that way. This is more than saying I am going to be good or try harder, we fight the fight by walking daily in the Spirit of surrender to God to lead and guide you and me.

Where sin reigns there is death – where the Law holds there is death, Where Jesus is Lord - sin is overcome and the Law no longer controls and Condemns. In Jesus there is a new law given by the Spirit of Life.

Now if the book of Romans has been described as the gold ring of Christianity, Chapter 8 could be described as the diamond of that ring.

Paul uses a term v14 “sons of God. This is a generic term that includes people as believers in who trust in Christ and received the gift of righteousness by faith. Only those people who believe in Jesus are sons of God... We are all creatures of god. We are the offspring of God. Sons of God are family of God those in Christ can be assured by some incredible promises!

Now, if you would turn with me to Romans chapter 8, 1200  
And he begins by telling us that Those in Christ will not be Condemned at his return!

Paul just finished chapter 7 saying he still battles sin and does the things he doesn't want to do and doesn't do the things that his inner man, his spirit, wants to do. And now, Even though we battle sinful thoughts even though that is going on inside him, says that "there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ."

Christ has died once and for all to pay for your sins. the very fact that it is a battle is evidence of Christ in us.

If we can sin and not face a battle inside ourselves, if we don't face the conviction of the Lord when we sin, we should examine ourselves to see if the Spirit of God really lives in us. That is the purpose of the Law and In Christ by faith on that relationship and His love for us, we can be strengthened Live a life In Christ by His strength and power

Paul goes on beginning in verse 8:15, telling them

*15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."*

What a powerful relationship we have In Christ. One sided and God has taken care of all the arrangements for us. This is one of the most unbelievable blessings of all. We are not going to be condemned because of our sin. We have been given life in Christ instead! Praise the Lord. This is Grace amazing Grace!

As sons of God - There are times that we may feel like the Lord has forgotten us, especially when we are suffering through difficult times in our life.

"Lord where are you?" "Don't you hear my prayers?" "Have you forgotten me?" Im hurting God!

We may feel this way at times not because we have been forgotten by the Lord, but because we have forgotten the promises His Word. We have been told throughout Scripture that we will face suffering and trouble.

Peter tells us in 1Pe 4:12 *Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.*

*1Pe 4:13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.*

No, Scripture is clear that we are going to face suffering. As we keep our focus on the glory to come, the Holy Spirit strengthens us in our suffering so that we might persevere through times of suffering to the glory of God and rely more and more on Him in an ever deepening relationship.

The reality for us is that when life is going along well, we tend not to rely on God, but ourselves. Relying on ourselves, on our own strength is not glorifying to the Lord.

Now believe and trust in Gods promises

Paul tells us in 2 cor 12 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Take the Battle seriously .The Spirit of God is strengthening us in our weakness and making us (Key) strong in Him. We are being purified, and matured, and these trials and sufferings are not only maturing us, but Paul tells

us here that God takes all things, everything that goes on in our life, the good, the bad, the painful suffering, and He takes it and works it out for good for those who love Him. God wants to draw us closer and deeper into relationship with Him

We all want to be loved. Satan wants you to believe that God does not love you. If you sin or do something wrong, God takes his love away from you.

That is not true. Marked by God we breathe as Spirit filled people!

He chose you and God loves you and nothing will separate you from His love if you are in Christ, Not In Christ the Father seals you with the Holy Spirit and when He looks at you, He sees His own Son who has sacrificed for you and died for your sins. God love is an act of His will that is demonstrated in the sacrifice of His son.

Oh how Go loves us.

God thru His Word is drawing you deeper into relationship with Him so that in any and every situation you can have peace and joy now and forever. Amen