

The Book of Romans

I. Paul's **Introduction** to his Letter (1:1-17)

II. Paul *Declares* Man's **Need** for God's **Salvation** and **Righteousness** (1:18-3:20)

III. Paul *Delivers* his Gospel Message of **Righteousness** by **Faith in** Messiah (3:21-5:21)

IV. Paul *Describes* the new **Life** and **Walk** of **Believers**, with regard to **Sin, Righteousness**, the **Law**, and the **Indwelling Spirit** (6:1-8:39)

E. He *Instructs* them to now **Live** and **Walk** according to **Indwelling Spirit of God** (8:1-39)

1. *Explaining* how **they** have been **Set Free** from "Sin and Death," by the "**Spirit of Life**" in Messiah (8:1-4)

2. *Exhorting* them to **Walk**, *not* according to the **Flesh**, but according to the **Spirit** who now **Indwells** them (8:5-17)

3. *Encouraging* them to **Live in Hope** of their **Future Glory** (8:18-30)

a. A *Hope* preceded by a **Present time** of **Suffering** (8:18-25)

¹⁸ For I consider that the **sufferings** of this *present time* are **not worthy** to be compared with the **glory** that is to be *revealed* to **us**.

¹⁹ For the **anxious longing** of the **creation** waits **eagerly** for the *revealing* of the **sons of God**.

²⁰ For the **creation** was **subjected** to **futility**, not willingly, but because of **Him** who **subjected** it, **in hope**

²¹ that the **creation** itself also will be **set free** from its **slavery to corruption** into the **freedom** of the **glory** of the **children of God**.

²² For we know that the whole **creation groans** and **suffers** the **pains of *childbirth*** together until **now**.

²³ And not only this, but also **we ourselves**,
having the ***first fruits*** of the **Spirit**,

even **we ourselves** groan *within* ourselves,
waiting eagerly for *our* **adoption** as sons,
the **redemption** of our **body**.

²⁴ For in **hope** we have been **saved**,
but **hope** that is **seen** is **not hope**;
for who **hopes** for what he *already* sees?

²⁵ But if we **hope** for what we do **not see**,
with ***perseverance*** we wait eagerly for it.

b. A ***Hope*** sustained by the **Work** of the **Spirit** (8:26-27)

²⁶ In the **same way** the **Spirit** also ***helps*** our **weakness**;
for we do **not know how** to **pray** as we should, but the **Spirit** Himself
intercedes for *us* with **groanings too deep** for words;

²⁷ and **He** who **searches the hearts**
knows what the ***mind*** of the **Spirit** is, because **He *intercedes***
for the **saints** according to *the will of God*.

c. A ***Hope*** assured by the **Sovereign Purposes of God**
(8:28-30)

²⁸ And **we** know that **God causes all things** to work together for **good**
to those who **love God**,
to those who are **called** according to ***His purpose***.

²⁹ For those whom **He foreknew**, **He** also **predestined**
to become conformed to the ***image*** of **His Son**,
so that **He** would be the **firstborn** among **many brethren**;

³⁰ and these whom **He *predestined***, **He** also **called**;
and these whom **He *called***, **He** also **justified**;
and these whom **He *justified***, **He** also **glorified**.

Personal Application

**We have what *Most* in the World do *not* have—
A Glorious Hope...We have→**

1. A ***Hope*** so **glorious**, that it makes whatever ***suffering*** we experience in
this life seem **miniscule** by **comparison** (8:18)

2. A *Hope* that is **eagerly awaited for** by **all** of **creation**. A *hope* that actually involves “**us**,” and **our revealing** as “**sons of God**” (8:19).
 3. A *Hope* that results in the **creation**, having been made **subject** to “**futility**,” being “**set free**” from its *bondage to corruption*. This **freedom** will coincide with the manifestation of the **freedom** of the *glory* of the **children of God** (8:20-21).”
- For this reason the whole **creation** “**groans** and **suffers the pains** of **childbirth**,” together until **now** (8:22).
4. A *Hope* that as **believers**, we will one day see the *completion* of our **adoption as sons**, and receive the **redemption** of our **bodies** (8:23).
 5. A *Hope* that requires *perseverance* in that which is yet **unseen**, for “**hope that is seen is not hope** (8:24-25).”
 6. A *Hope* that is **encouraged** and **strengthened** by the **indwelling Spirit of God**, who **helps** our **weaknesses**, and **intercedes** in **prayer** on behalf of **believers**.

In the same way the **Spirit** also **helps** our **weakness**;
for we **do not know** how to **pray** as we should, but the **Spirit Himself**
intercedes for us with **groanings** too deep for **words**;.. (8:26)

7. A *Hope* that **rests** in the **sovereign power** and **purpose of God**, who “causes **all things** to **work together** for **good** to those who **love God**, to those who are **called** according to ***His purpose*** (8:28).

who are “**predestined to become conformed** to the *image* of **His Son** (8:29),”

...and these whom **He *predestined***, **He also called**;
and these whom **He *called***, **He also justified**,
and these whom **He *justified***, **He also glorified** (8:30).

Closing Text

For we are **His workmanship**,
created in Messiah Jesus for **good works**,
which **God *prepared beforehand*** so that we would **walk** in them.
(Galatians 2:10)

