

## Victory in Christ

### Lesson 19

### Romans 8:28-39

Paul contrasted those who live controlled by sin with those who put their faith in Christ. For all those who believe, they receive God's Spirit and there is now no condemnation before God. Those who believe become children of God, heirs with Christ and have the privilege of calling God, "Abba Father." Although the believer will share in Christ's glory, he/she can also expect to share in his suffering.

1. To review briefly, from Romans 8:26, 27:
  - Who helps us in our weakness?
  
  - In what specific area did Paul mention this help?
2. Even though there is suffering in the life of the believer, what can we know for certain? (Romans 8:28)

#### **God's Love**

The words that Paul wrote in Romans 8:28 through Romans 9 are used to prove various theological viewpoints. Therefore, it is important to clarify who it is that God has extended His "Call" to or in the words of Paul, "*Whom God has called.*"

- What is the nature of God? (1 John 4:8)
  
  - How did God show His love for humanity? (1 John 4:9)
  
  - How is love defined? (1 John 4:10)
3. Who did God say could come to Him?
    - 1 John 4:15a
  
    - John 3:16a
  
    - Matt. 28:18-20

4. What is the one requirement of God?

- 1 John 4:15b
- John 3:16b
- John 14:6

**God's Plan - Romans 8:28-30**

5. This section begins with the words, "*For those God foreknew.*" Who was Paul referring to? (1 Corinthians 8:3)

6. Paul continued, "*For those God foreknew He also predestined,*" or determined beforehand.

- What did God predestine? (Romans 8:29a)
- Why? (Romans 8:29b)

7. What else has God predestined for those whom He has called? (Romans 8:30)

**The Believer's Assurance - Romans 8:31-39**

8. What, then, are we to say in response to God? (Romans 8:31)

9. Through questions and answers, Paul laid out proof of our position as believers in Christ. What was Paul's first proof? (Romans 8:32)

10. Paul then asked, "*Who will bring any charges against those whom God has chosen?*" (Romans 8:33a) and "*Who is he that condemns?*" (Romans 8:34a) Why can charges not be brought against those who are in Christ?

- Romans 8:33b
- Romans 8:34b

11. In verse 35, Paul asked, *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"* What was on his list of potential separators?
  
12. Paul quoted Psalm 44:22 which was a cry to God from His chosen people of Israel. What were they facing? (Romans 8:36)
  
13. In spite of all the suffering and hardship of God's people, what is the glorious reality? (Romans 8:37)
  
14. Paul made a list of the following:  
death – life,  
angels – demons,  
present – future,  
powers,  
height – depth,  
and anything else in all creation.  
Based upon that list, what was Paul convinced of? (Romans 8:38, 39)

**Reflect:**

15. This section of Romans 8:28–39 began with the fact that life includes hardship and suffering, even for those who are God's children. Yet, in spite of life's difficulties we are *"more than conquerors."* (Romans 8:37) How is that possible?