

Romans – The Crown Jewel of Salvation

42- “God’s Biblical Post-it Note – Part 2”

What to Remember When Life Makes You Forget

Romans 8:18-39

Grace Fellowship Church / Pastor Brad Bigney / Feb. 8, 2015

I. If You’re a Christian You Don’t Fight Sin on the Same Terms Anymore v. 1-13

Yes we still sin, but remember that God’s given us a new way to fight.

A. You Fight with a Free Heart Now!

v. 1 There’s no condemnation because of our sin

v. 4 There’s no expectation of us keeping the law

B. You Fight with the Spirit’s Power Now!

v. 5-6 The Spirit RENEWS your mind to think differently

v. 8-9 The Spirit ENABLES you to actually please God now

v. 13 The Spirit EMPOWERS you to go after your sins of the flesh and put them to death

II. If You’re a Christian Your Adoption Papers Supercede Your Birth Certificate! v. 14-17

We’re all born with a birth certificate that’s stamped “sinner.” God wants you to remember that your adoption papers supercede your birth certificate.

A. You’re a Child of God v. 14

B. You Don’t Have to Be Afraid to Call Him “Daddy” v. 15

C. You Don’t Have to Live Like an Orphan – Grabbing All the Gusto You Can Right Now v. 16-17

III. You Have Spiritual Eyes to See Suffering in a Whole New Light v. 18-20

You see it in light of eternity! This life is no longer the main attraction. There’s something else much bigger and better that’s coming- eternity with Jesus Christ!

This life isn’t the big show. This is not as good as it gets. This life right now, even in its finest moments, is just a shadow or hint of the things to come.

Some really good news in the midst of this life is that Jesus shows up and He meets you there. He lives in you. He’ll help you through your trialing days. You are not on your own!

A. You Need to Make Sure that You’re Using the Right Measuring Stick to Determine How Bad Things are in Your Life

Romans 8:18 “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.”

This is hard for us. We so often need the reminder that this is not the only place God gives us this kind of measuring stick that helps us put this life into the perspective of eternity.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 “¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.”

B. Make Sure You Take Advantage of Praying in the Spirit

God’s given you His Holy Spirit that’ll groan through you when you don’t even know what to pray!

Romans 8:26-28 “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not now 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. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

IV. You Need to Take Another Look at Your Security

v. 29-30 “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”

Our gift of salvation was started by God and that’s why you don’t need to ever worry about losing it!

Notice in v. 29-30 how we are:

- Predestined
- Called
- Justified
- Glorified

All four are stated in the past tense – they’re completed!

But one of these hasn’t even happened yet. We’re not glorified yet! In God’s mind it’s as good as done because what He starts He finishes and what He promises He comes through on.

That’s assurance! There’s security that’s not based on anything you do. God is so sovereign and your salvation is so secure that He can state each of these in the past tense because it is going to happen!