

## Romans 8:18-39 teachers notes

Introduction New Year--time to reflect on the past year, make plans, set goals, nurse failures, long for change, set up unrealistic expectations--try to muster up some kind of guarantee that we will get through successfully whatever circumstances we will encounter this year.

This passage is so timely. It contains a promise from God and an attitude that we can adopt that will guarantee that no matter what--we can be super-conquerors!!

Review Theme-righteousness by faith alone

Paul as lawyer making defense of the gospel. It almost seems like this would be an appropriate place to end the book. However, as you will see next week, we are dealing with God's purpose, plan and strategy in His working with mankind.

see chart from week one "outline of Romans", and chart on Rom 6-8

Read passage

See Chart #1 This is what we will learn from this section of Romans: >God is FOR us

>God's purpose in history

>How do you view your circumstances?

Go over questions

1. "it is not merely that the glory is a compensation for the suffering, it actually grows out of the suffering. there is an organic relation between the two for the believer as surely as there was for his Lord" The connection has to do with the death/ressurrection motif. Position/condition. Already/not yet tension.see chart#2 & 3. We need God to reveal to us our self-life, not so we can worry and let Satan accuse us, but so that we can become more and more conformed to the image of Christ. He uses suffering in our lives to break down the flesh, and cause us to hunger for more transformation. This is why sanctification involves a process of life/death, see 2 Cor 4. It is extremely important to have a good grip on God's grace, and Romans 8:1, because sometimes the pain is great and you will be in trouble if you don't hold fast to these truths. Tape #1314 by Den

2. see Newell p. 320-322 concerning "revealing", Gen 3 the fall of the creation, contrast with MK Is 11:6-9, and not evolution, entropy! God's plan for creation ends in HOPE. see Bruce p. 170, Stedman p. 237 quote from CS Lewis.

3. All too often we are unwilling to groan (ie long for His return and the redemption of this body), instead we either >long for death which is NOT the Christian hope, or >turn back for satisfaction to the things of this poor wretched dying world. see Stedman p. 241-243 concerning groaning and boredom 2 Cor 5:1-8

4. How we used to shrink from such searching! Heb 5:11-16



6. see Newell p. 334,337 Bruce p. 178-179 law court, Zech 3:1f      Shall He give us His Son and hold back on the trifles?

7. see Oswald Chambers p. 140, 67 chart 1 How do you view your circumstances? Here's your guarantee that we can be victorious no matter what our circumstances!

Conclusion See chart 4: good news/bad news in this passage. Stedman and Newell claim that this passage is the highest point of the letter and I'm starting to agree with them. To view suffering as meaning that God is somehow displeased with or removed from us is to miss the point completely. If we really believed the message of this passage, it really would revolutionize our lives! If we lived in light of the fact that God is FOR us, He has a purpose for us in light of eternity (eternal perspective), He didn't spare His own Son for us and NOTHING will ever separate us--He wants us to be superconquerers! read Newell p. 349



Faint, illegible text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is arranged in several lines and is too light to transcribe accurately.