

The Gospel of God

*Studies in the Epistle of Paul
to the Romans*

The Love of God

Romans 8:18-39

Lesson 11

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What is the Gospel?

Good news about Christ, righteousness and faith

- ▶ Romans 1:3 – “concerning His Son”
- ▶ Romans 1:17 – “righteousness of God”
 - Righteous to judge sin (3:25-26)
 - Righteousness imputed (3:21-22)
- ▶ Romans 1:17 – “the just shall live by faith”
 - Not of works (3:28)
 - By grace (4:16; 6:14)

What is the Gospel?

- ▶ The wrath of God is revealed from heaven
(1:18-3:20)
 - A universal revelation
 - A universal reception
 - A universal rejection
 - Human morality is insufficient
 - All are under sin (3:9)

What is the Gospel?

- ▶ God justifies through faith in Jesus Christ
(3:21-4:25)
 - Christ propitiated God by His death
 - Abraham is the father of faith (4:3; 16)
 - Faith is (4:18-25):
 - Hope against hope
 - Trust in the promise of God
 - Focused upon Christ

What is the Gospel?

- ▶ God sanctifies through faith in Jesus Christ (5:1-8:17)
 - Suffering with hope of the glory of God (5:2-3)
 - The believers' union with Christ (5:10, 12-21)
 - Sin will not have dominion over the believer (6:14)
 - The Law of Moses is not needed, but hinders (7:1-25)
 - The power of the Holy Spirit (8:1-17)
 - Adoption as sons (Galatians 4:1-7)
 - Two historical stages of salvation – O.T. and N.T.

What is the Gospel?

- ▶ The completion of our salvation
- ▶ Romans 8:18-39
 1. Our Hope (8:18-25)
 2. Our Help (8:26-37)
 3. The Love of God in Christ (8:38-39)

What is the Gospel?

- ▶ The Bible says:
- ▶ We are all sinners
- ▶ Christ died for sinners
- ▶ Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved
- ▶ Jesus is coming again – Judge and King

Our Hope (Romans 8:18-25)

Sufferings of this present time

- ▶ **The certainty of suffering**
 - John 15:20; Acts 14:22; Philippians 1:29; 2 Timothy 3:12
- ▶ **The suffering of Christ**
 - Hebrews 2:10; 5:7-10; Isaiah 53:3-4
- ▶ **The just shall live by faith**
 - 2 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Peter 4:12-13, 19; Colossians 3:2

Our Hope (Romans 8:18-25)

The glory to be revealed

▶ The creation's longing (8:19-22)

- The curse on creation
- The creation's hope
- Christ's redemption of creation
 - Genesis 9:8-16; Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 1:7-10; Acts 3:21
- The inheritance
 - Psalm 37:29; Matthew 5:5
- Creation groans

Our Hope (Romans 8:18-25)

The glory to be revealed

► The believers' longing (8:23-25)

- Firstfruits of the Spirit
 - Exodus 23:19; Leviticus 23:9-14; Ephesians 1:14
- Adoption as sons
 - Eagerly awaiting – cf. Galatians 4:1-7
 - Redemption of our bodies (8:23)
- Hope
 - Saved in hope (8:24)
- We groan inwardly
 - Romans 12:12 – rejoice in hope; patience in tribulation; constant in prayer

Our Help (Romans 8:26-37)

▶ Holy Spirit

- Helps us in our weakness
 - Suffering
 - Groaning
- Holy Spirit prays for us
 - Knows the things of God (1 Corinthians 2:11-12)
 - Prays according to the will of God
- Groanings of the Holy Spirit

Our Help (Romans 8:26-37)

▶ God the Father

- Distinguished from the Spirit (8:27) and the Son (8:29)
- The purpose of God is good
 - Colossians 1:18-20; Ephesians 1:9-10
- The plan of God – called according to His purpose
 - Foreknew, predestined
 - Called
 - Justified, glorified
- Conformed to the image of Christ
- Firstborn among many brethren

Our Help (Romans 8:26-37)

▶ Jesus Christ

- Not condemn, but justify by His death
- Raised to right hand of God and makes intercession for us
- No separation by suffering
- We are more than conquerors in suffering
- Hebrews 12:1-2 – the joy set before Him

A Sure Hope (Romans 8:38-39)

- ▶ No separation from love of God – life, death, angels, rulers, powers, things present, things to come, height, depth – absolutely nothing
- ▶ Love of God in Christ Jesus

The Love of God in Christ Jesus

- ▶ Justified by His death
- ▶ Sanctified by our union with Him
- ▶ Glorified by His love