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Scriptures : Romans 8:1-39

Introduction

- Can a believer move from being overwhelmed to being an overcomer?
- Paul's letter to the Romans gives us insight into this.
- From a state of utter despair over his personal weaknesses and failure (Romans 7:19), he literally shouts with delight at the renewed assurance of victory.

(Romans 7:19)

For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing.

(Romans 8: 37)

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

How did he come to this state of assurance? He reminds us of three vital truths.

We Are Indwelt By The Holy Spirit (Romans 8: 1-17)

- He is the Spirit of Life.

(Romans 8:2)

Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

- He renews our minds.

(Romans 8: 5-8)

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. [6] The mind of sinful man* is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; [7] the sinful mind* is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. [8] Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

- He gives us the power to overcome sin.

(Romans 8:11)

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

- He assures us that we are God's children and have special blessings.

(Romans 8:15-17)

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship.* And by him we cry, "Abba,* Father."

[16] The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. [17] Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

We Are In The Father's Will (Romans 8:18- 27)

- We know hard times are in the plan of the FATHER.
They are times of teaching, moulding and stretching for a divine purpose.

(Romans 8: 18-21)

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. [19] The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

[20] For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope [21] that* the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

- We face hard times with an unwavering hope that they will come to an end.

(Romans 8:23-25)

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24] For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? [25] But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

- We are strengthened by the Spirit's intercession.

(Romans 8:26-27)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. [27] And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will

We Are Being Transformed Into The Image Of His Son (Romans 8:28- 36)

- All things work for our good.

(Romans 8:28-29)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,* who* have been called according to his purpose. [29] For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers

- All provision is ours.

(Romans 8:31-32)

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

- All security is ours.

(Romans 8:33-35)

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. [35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword

Conclusion

(Romans 8:36-39)

36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

[38] For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,* neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, [39] neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- We are free to live.
- We are free to give.
- We are free to forgive.