

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE
ROMANS

Lesson 11

The Revelation of the Righteousness of God
SANCTIFICATION and THE SPIRIT, Part 2
(Romans 8:16-39)

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That spirit is led by the Holy Spirit.

B | The Holy Spirit's witness with our spirit or new nature, leading it. (16-27)

Romans 8:16

¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

All humanity are the children of Adam, but the children of God are those he adopts for himself.



Romans 8:17

¹⁷ And if children, then heirs;
heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;
if so be that we suffer with *him*,
that we may be also glorified together.

Because we are the children of God,
we will share in Christ's eternal
inheritance.



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The Geneva Bible Notes list nine points from Romans 8 that it calls **Our Fountains of Comfort:**

(I revised these points to make them simpler and easier to understand.)



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Our Fountains of Comfort

1. Jesus is with us in our sorrows and afflictions.
2. **We will be with him in glory.**



Romans 8:18

¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

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1. Jesus is with us in our sorrows and afflictions.
2. We will be with him in glory.
3. That glory will far outweigh any misery we have known.



Romans 8:19-21



Our Fountains of Comfort

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Here, the word creature does not refer to the new creature in Christ, but rather, to the Creation – the physical world.



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When Christ returns, he will restore the natural world to its original condition and beauty.



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These verses are easier to understand in the New Living Translation:

- ¹⁹ For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.
- ²⁰ Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse.
- But with eager hope,
- ²¹ the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.



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Romans 8:22

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Travail is pain, anguish or suffering resulting from mental or physical hardship.

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True believers also groan for the day when our struggles are over and we are forever with the Lord.

Romans 8:23

²³ And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Our Fountains of Comfort

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5. One day we will know the fullness of our adoption.



Romans 8:24-25

²⁴ For we are saved by hope:

but hope that is seen is not hope:
for what a man seeth,
why doth he yet hope for?

²⁵ But if we hope for that we see not,
then do we with patience wait for it.

But for now, our promised reward is out of sight. As Matthew Henry said, “Those that will deal with God must deal upon trust.”



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6. Our hope gives us strength to wait for that day.



Romans 8:26a

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities:
for we know not what we should pray for as we ought:

As we go through this life, we are often unsure of what we should be praying for.



Romans 8:26b-27

²⁶ ... but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, **because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God.***

Our Fountains of Comfort

7. We are continually helped by the Holy Spirit who makes intercession for us.



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This brings us to the last part of Romans Chapter 8:

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B | The Holy Spirit's witness with our spirit or new nature, leading it. (16-27)

→ A | **No separation** from Christ for those who are in Christ, and the reason. (28-39)

Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Our Fountains of Comfort

7. We are continually helped by the Holy Spirit who makes intercession for us.
8. We know all things will work together for good, in accord with God's perfect plan.



Romans 8:29-30

²⁹ For whom he did **foreknow**,
he also did **predestinate** to be conformed to
the image of his Son, that he might be the
firstborn among many brethren.

³⁰ Moreover whom he did predestinate,
them he also **called**:
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And what is God's perfect plan?



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Your Five Steps to Glory

1. **You were foreknown.**

Jeremiah 1:5

Before I formed thee in
the belly I knew thee ...



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1. You were foreknown.
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... and before thou camest
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All this happened BEFORE you knew the LORD.



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Ephesians 1:4-5

- ⁴ According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
- ⁵ Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
- ⁶ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.



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Then, when the LORD knew you were ready to respond...



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2 Thessalonians 2:14

Whereunto he **called** you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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Isaiah 45:25

In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.



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Isaiah 43:7

Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.



Romans 8:31-32

³¹ What shall we then say to these things?

If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

³² He that spared not his own Son,
but delivered him up for us all,
how shall he not with him also freely give
us all things?

Our Fountains of Comfort

7. We are continually helped by the Holy Spirit who makes intercession for us.
8. We know all things will work together for good, in accord with God's perfect plan.
9. Lastly, we know that God will spare nothing to help us.



How can you feel alone





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Paul's words echo Isaiah 50:

⁸ *He is near that justifieth me;*
who will contend with me?
let us stand together:
who *is* mine adversary?
let him come near to me.

⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD will help me;
who *is he that* shall condemn me?
lo, they all shall wax old as a
garment;
the moth shall eat them up.



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“Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3).



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He was “raised again for our justification”
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“When he had by himself purged our sins,” he “sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Hebrews 1:3).



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Now he “liveth to make intercession” for the saints (Hebrews 7:25).



35 Who shall separate us
from the love of Christ?

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shall tribulation, or distress,
or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

from the love of Christ?

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This is from Psalm 44,
a cry for help at a time when it seemed God had
turned his back to his people:

Psalm 44

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what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.
- ² *How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them;
how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.*
- ⁹ But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame;
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God was not asleep.
His plan was in motion.



His plan was called **JESUS**.

Romans 8:37-39

³⁷ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

³⁸ For I am persuaded,
that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers,
nor things present, nor things to come,

³⁹ Nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature,
shall be able to separate us
from the love of God,
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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We are everlastingly sanctified
unto him, by him.



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This completes Part One of the Epistle of Romans:

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(2) The VINDICATION of the Righteousness of God (9:1 - 11:36)

Up next, a look at the past, present, and future of God's chosen people, the Jews.

Questions to test your understanding of this lesson:

1. What are our nine "Fountains of Comfort" in Romans 8? (40 points)
2. What are the three things that "groan" in this chapter? (10 points)
3. In Romans 8:34, what are the FOUR reasons we are cannot be condemned? (10 pts)
4. In this chapter, who are the TWO that make intercession for us? (10 pts)
5. What Psalm (give chapter and verse) does Paul quote in Romans 8:36? (10 points)
6. What are the SEVEN things than cannot separate us from the love of Christ in Romans 8:35? (10 points)
7. What are the TEN things than cannot separate us from the love of Christ in Romans 8:38-39? (10 points)

BEFORE you start the next lesson, read **ROMANS Chapters 1 to 8** in your own Bible.

Do NOT share your answers with other students.



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