

GROANING FOR GLORY

ROMANS 8



Notes and Prayer Points

5. Does verse 26 suggest that there is no need for us to pray? How does the context of the passage help to understand this verse?

Verse 28 assures us that in all things, even suffering, God is at work for our good.

6. What do we learn about this 'good' in v29-30? How is God's definition of good different from the one given by the world?
7. Write down the promises God makes to you in this passage. Spend time as a group giving thanks to God for these assurances.
8. Which promise do you find hardest to remember when you are going through difficult times? What can you practically do to remind yourself of this promise?

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Study 3: Romans 8:31-39

Romans chapter 8 started with a triumphant proclamation that those who are in Christ are free from condemnation. Paul now closes this chapter with the same note of triumph, assuring us that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Read Romans 8:31-39

'What, then, shall we say in response to these things?' What 'things' is Paul talking about? (Hint: your answers from the last question in studies 1 & 2 will help!)

Paul now goes on to ask a series of questions that reinforce the assurance we can have, and show that the depth of God's love for us cannot be denied. Write these questions below:

Q1 (v31):

What is the implied answer to this question? Do you tend to misread difficult situations as God being against you?

Q2 (v32):

Explain this question in your own words. How does the cross act as 'proof' for God's promises?

Q3 (v33):

Why is it futile for anyone to bring charges against those God has chosen?
Look back to v3-4 to help you.

Q4 (v34):

From what sources can we feel condemnation?

Why don't we need to fear condemnation?

Q5 (v35):

Why do you think Paul makes this reference (from Psalm 44) here?

What does it mean that we are 'more than conquerors'?

What point is Paul making in v38-39?

Are there things in his list that you fear will separate you from God?

*"Did you know that it's important to God not only that he saves you through his Son, the Lord Jesus, but also **that you know you are saved?** God wants you to know that there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!"*

(Ray Galea, From Here to Eternity)

Bring those things before God now and ask him to provide you with assurance of your salvation!

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