

## Romans

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### Lesson 9: Romans 8:18–39

Paul has already told us that true Christians are “in the Spirit” (Romans 8:9). This means Christians have been given new life and are able to fulfill the requirements of the law through the power of the Spirit. However, there are still hardships and suffering that we, as Christians, experience in this present life. After considering the sufferings of this life, Paul looks to the future with hope knowing what our life will be like because we have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. Paul tells us that our life will be glorious, is victorious, and is presently secure in the love of Christ. Let’s dive in and see what God’s Word has to say about our present life and our future hope as believers in Christ.

➤ **Read Romans 8:18–27**

1. In verse 18, what two concepts does Paul compare?
2. In verse 19, what is the created world (physical universe) waiting for?
3. Read Genesis 3:17–19. What happened to the earth because of Adam’s sin? Who did it?
4. In verses 20–21, what promise is given about the future state of creation?
5. In verse 23, what do Christians wait eagerly for?

**Application:** “Groan” in verse 23 speaks of believers groaning over sin in this present body. What are sins that you groan about in your life? How can you fight that sin??

6. In verses 24–25, what is the “hope” that believers are waiting for?

7. In verse 26, what does the Spirit do for believers?

**Application:** Verse 26 says, “the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should.” How is your prayer life? What are ways you can grow in your prayer life?

➤ **Read Romans 8:28–30**

8. Verse 28 says, “God causes all things to work together for good.” Who are the only ones that this applies to?

**Application:** What sufferings or trials have you seen God work out for good in your life?

9. In verses 29–30, Paul gives what is often called “the golden chain of salvation.” What are the five aspects of salvation listed?

10. Who does the work in salvation? How does this give you hope?

11. At the end of verse 30, why does Paul use the past tense “glorified”?

➤ **Read Romans 8:31–39**

12. In verse 31, Paul says, “God is for us.” How does this verse bring you comfort?

13. Read Philippians 1:6. How does this verse relate to Romans 8:32?

14. According to verse 33, why can no one bring a charge against God’s children?

15. According to verse 34, why can no one condemn God’s children?

16. In verse 35, what does Paul say about Christ’s love for believers?

17. In verse 36, Paul quotes Psalm 44:22 to portray the worst conditions a believer could face. What is the ultimate outcome for believers in verse 37?

18. According to verse 37, how do believers overcome?

19. In verses 38–39, what can separate a believer from God’s love?

**Application:** As Christians we have experienced trials in the past and we will experience them in the future. How can verses 38–39 help you when you experience your next trial?

**Application:** What one verse impacted you the most in this study? Explain.