

# December 9/Day 343

## Romans 8

### Verses 1-8

- If you remember where we left off yesterday, it was Paul describing how living under the law he was a slave to sin and while he wanted to do well, his nature wouldn't let him. This was all before his conversion because he had been explaining that those who are born again have been freed from being a slave to sin, and that those who walk in sinful patterns will not inherit the kingdom of heaven. But believers have died to the natural man, their sins having been nailed to the cross. As believers, we are no longer slaves to sin, but slaves to God and righteousness.
- To whom is there no condemnation? So, if someone condemns us through guilt or shame, they are acting as an agent of our enemy, the devil.
- What has the law of the Spirit done?
- What is the contrast between the flesh and the Spirit here?
- Why does the flesh not subject itself to God?
- Trying to live under the law is the picture of living according to the flesh. What does verse 8 say about this?

### Verses 9-11

- What does the "if indeed" confirm?
- What does this passage describe?

### Verses 12-17

- If we are under obligation to the Spirit, what are we putting to death?
- Who are sons of God?
- If we have come out from under the law, because as our tutor it has led us to Christ, therefore we are no longer under obligation to it as our tutor, Christ having written the law on our hearts, how would trying to live by the law cause slavery again leading to fear? Think it through.

### Verses 18-25

- What do believers experience in this present time? But what is coming?
- What is also under slavery? What is its desire? How does it respond?
- Hope in Scripture is never wishful thinking. Hope is a guarantee which has not yet been fulfilled. What does this passage tell us about hope?

### Verses 26-27

- What does the Spirit of God do for us when we don't know how to pray?

#### Verses 28-30

- What does God cause all things to do?
- For whom?
- For what are believers predestined?

#### Verses 31-35

- What does verse 31 say about God? Think about this. How often do you hear that He's ready to strike us down with a lightning bolt, or He's keeping a record of all our wrongdoings? I'm not trying to minimize sin here, God doesn't minimize sin, but I'm trying to point out, He's not just waiting for us to fail. He's for us.
- What did He do to show us this?
- Is there anything or anyone who can separate us from His love?

#### Verses 36-39

- In all what things do we overwhelmingly conquer? You have to look back to verse 35 for the answer.

## Romans 9

#### Verses 1-5

- Why is Paul sorrowful and grieved?
- Who were his kinsman according to the flesh?
- Though some followed, had they received Jesus as a people?

#### Verses 6-13

- Had the gospel failed because the Jews refused to receive Jesus?
- Verse 13 is hard. We have talked about it before. It's not as if God chooses some and doesn't choose others. It's our choice. And the "hate" in this verse means "to love less". God loves everyone, but of the two, Jacob became a believer and followed after God while Esau walked away.

#### Verses 14-18

- In His sovereignty, God has mercy on some and hardens some to fulfill His big picture purposes. This does not mean there are some who will not receive the invitation. Jesus died for all.
- We saw this with pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, and Judas.

Verses 19-24

- How does this passage expand on the last?

Verses 25-32

- The Jews pursued righteousness through the law. Had the Gentiles pursued righteousness?
- How then did the Gentiles attain righteousness?
- Why didn't the Jews attain it?

Verse 33

- With all that has been said, why does Paul quote these verses?

## Romans 10

Verses 1-4

- What was Paul's heart's desire for his countrymen?
- How is it possible to have a zeal for God, yet not receive Jesus?
- What did they seek to establish on their own? What would we call this?
- While they were being moral and keeping all sorts of rules in addition to the law, to what did they not subject themselves?

Verses 5-13

- What shall a man who practices righteousness based on the law live by?
- What about the man who practices righteousness based on living by faith?
- Verse 9 and 10 describe how a person receives salvation. What must be confessed with the mouth? Lord means ruler, authority, master. The heart is the seat of the will.
- Who can be saved?

Verses 14-15

- According to verse 14, there is a believing in Him prior to a confession of Him.
- How will they believe?
- What does this have to do with feet?

Verses 16-21

- Who are the people in verse 21? Remember context.

See you tomorrow.