I. Objectives Phase 2, Session 8 - Romans 8:18-39

1. Explain the importance of the testimony of each one of us when we show the world what the Lord has done for us, when we are the salt and light of the world and when we disclose to all creation that we are the children of God.
Romans 8:18-19
Matthew 5:13-16
1 Peter 3:15

2. Demonstrate the need of our dependence on the Holy Spirit when we pray and explain how He intercedes for us according to the will of God.
Romans 8:26-27
1 Corinthians 14:1-40

3. Confirm that the Lord transforms our sorrows, trials and tribulations in something good for those who love him.
Romans 8:28
Romans 5:1-5
James 1:2-4
John 16:33

4. Explain that predestination is for the sanctification and not for justification.
Romans 8:28-30
Ephesians 1:1-11
Matthew 7:12-23
Read Romans 8:28-29 together
Romans 8:28-29
And we know that all things work together for good ***to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*** *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined* ***to be conformed to the image of His Son,*** *that He might be the firstborn among many brethren*.

5. Prove that we are more than victorious.
Romans 8:37
1 John 5:4-5
2 Peter 1:1-9
John 16:33

6. Talk about the position of some who claim that once saved always saved
Romans 8:38-39
Hebrews 6:1-12
Revelation 2:22-23
2 Timothy 2:12-13 (observe the difference between V12 and V 13)
Matthew 10:32-33

7. Explain the difference between the spirit of adoption and the adoption
Romans 8:15
Romans 8:23

II. Email to participants before session 8

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Please read, pray and meditate on Romans 8:18-39.

If you have the opportunity, please read the following verses that provide context to our review of Romans 8:18-39.

Genesis 3, particularly 3:17-18,23
Deuteronomy 28:1-6,15-19

V18
Hebrews 11:24-27
1 John 3:16
John 10:18
John 15:13
Romans 5:8-9
2 Corinthians 5:1-8
Hebrews 12:1-2

V19-25
2 Corinthians 4:16-18
Genesis 3
Matthew 5:13-16

V26-27
1 Corinthians 14:1-40

Proverbs 20:27

V28
James 1:2-8
Romans 5:1-5

V29-30
Matthew 7:21-23
Ephesians 1:1-14

V31-37
See messages below "We have it all, praise the Lord" and “His Promises”.
John 3:11-21

V38-39
John 17:20-26
Hebrews 6:1-12
Revelation 2:22-23

A few comments about predestination:

If you read Romans 8:28 and 8:29 together, the fact that predestination is for sanctification and glorification becomes very clear:
Romans 8:28-29
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to those who love God: there is no doubt that Paul is talking to believers. If we read Romans 8:1, again, we see that he is talking to believers, to those who are in Christ Jesus.

to those who are the called according to His purpose. So you need to be a believer to be called according to His purpose.

Then, what is His purpose?
to be conformed to the image of His Son.
How is this possible? This happens when we receive the Holy Spirit, who leads us to

obey His commands (Ezekiel 36:27).

When do we receive the Holy Spirit?
After the Lord puts a new spirit in us. Please see Ezekiel 36:26-27. We are first justified or reconciled with God, that is, we become believers and the Lord gives us a new spirit. Then He gives us the Holy Spirit, and it is the Holy Spirit who lead us to become like Him. **Only once we receive the Holy Spirit we are predestined to become like Jesus**.

First we have faith in Jesus, so we are justified; then, we receive the Faith of Jesus when we receive the fruit of the Spirit. That is the moment in which we are born again. This is when we declare that Jesus is Lord (Please see 1 Corinthians 12:3)**.**

If you would like to study Romans 8 in more detail, please review the Asbury commentary from the link below and study John Wesley's Sermon 128 "Free Grace".

These are some additional comments in relation to **Romans 8:29-30** and Wesley's sermon.

John Wesley's sermon 128 clearly explains that the doctrine of predestination for justification (salvation) is a false doctrine; it is contrary to the Scriptures, for God is love (there wouldn't be any greater cruelty than that of creating a being for eternal damnation). In giving context to verses 29 and 30, I use Ephesians 1:1-14 where I learn that in order to be predestined to become like Him, you have first to be in Him (Ephesians 1:4,11,12), that is, you have to have made the decision to believe in Him (John 3:16). This explains that predestination is for sanctification not justification; that is, once you are in Him, you are predestined to become like Him (Ezekiel 36:27). In addition, when I read Matthew 7:21-23, I understand that "foreknew" in Romans 8:29 is not only that God knew about them in advance, but also that He actually knew them, that He had a relationship with them. In other words, He knew that they were in Him or believed in Him. This is why He says, "for those God foreknew, He also predestined..."; those who were in Him, "He predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son,..".

Asbury commentary Romans 8
https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/asbury-bible-commentary/Assurance

John Wesley - Sermons 58 On Predestination and 128 Free Grace
PDF

http://wesley.nnu.edu/john-wesley/the-sermons-of-john-wesley-1872-edition/sermon-58-on-predestination/
http://wesley.nnu.edu/john-wesley/the-sermons-of-john-wesley-1872-edition/sermon-128-free-grace/

Audio
https://youtu.be/-YRK6sGXCVQ
https://youtu.be/OYtoqvo9aYc

In Christ,

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We have it all, praise the Lord.
This is an invitation to become aware of what we have in Christ. Let's accept and receive what God has already given to us. Let's read the Scriptures and ask God for understanding. Let us pray: "Dear Father in heaven, what are the finished works of Jesus? What did Jesus do for us, Lord?"

Ephesians 1:3 "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ*,"

Read, pray and meditate on 2 Peter 1:1-14. Go sentence by sentence and write down each of the things that God has given us. assimilate their content and make it yours. If ever in doubt read verse 9 again.

1 John 5:4-5 "*For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. **And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith**. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God*?"

Colossians 2:6-7 "***As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him**, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving*."

Colossians 2:9-10 "*For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; **and you are complete in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power*."
Colossians 2:8 "*Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not*

according to Christ."

Ephesians 3:14-21 "*For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;* ***that you, being rooted and grounded in love,may be able to comprehend*** *with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge;* ***that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*** *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think,* ***according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever****. Amen*.

1 John 4:4 "*You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because* ***He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world***."

1 John 2:20 "*But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things*."

Luke 11:13 "*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children,* ***how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!*****"**

1 John 4:17 "*Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment;* ***because as He is, so are we in this world*****.**

Romans 8:11
1 John 5:4-5
2 Peter 1:3-13
Colossians 3:1-17
Romans 8:1-2
Luke 19:10
John 10:10
John 16:33
Luke 4:17-19 NKJV
Matthew 11:28-30
1 Peter 5:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:54-55
James 4:6-7
Luke 10:19
Mark 16:17-18

1 Corinthians 3:16
1 Corinthians 6:19-20
Romans 8:16-19
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Ephesians 4:17-24
Ephesians 1:15-23
Ephesians 2:1-10
Galatians 5:22-24
1 Corinthians 2:16
John 14:12

How?
Philemon 1:6
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Matthew 7:7-8
Philippians 2:12-13
Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what is already in us "*the depth, the width and length and depth and height-to know the love of Christ*."

Pray the prayer of Paul in Ephesians 1:17-21
In the prayer of Paul in Ephesians
God shows us what we have received:
His inheritance is in the Saints. The glory of God is in us. He has already done it for us.

Ephesians 1:17-21 "*that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,* ***the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling****, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come*."

Best regards,

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His Promises
In the verses below, there is a partial list of His promises to us:
2 Timothy 2:13
If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Romans 5:9
John 16:10
John 16:33
John 10:10
Revelation 3:10
Ezekiel 36:26-27
Hebrews 8:6-13
Romans 8:1-2
Matthew 6:33-34
Galatians 5:16
Romans 5:5
Romans 5:15-19
Romans 6:6,14
John 14:26
John 3:16-17
John 3:3-8

Philippians 2:13 "*for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure*."

Philippians 1:6
Isaiah 55:11 "*So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it*."

1 Corinthians 2:16 "*For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ*."

1 Corinthians 6:17 "*But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him*."

James 4:7

Romans 6:9 "*knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him*."

Revelation 20:6
Psalm 18
Proverbs 3:5
Proverbs 22:6
Deuteronomy 4:29
Joshua 1:9
Matthew 28:20
Exodus 14:14
Emmanuel is God with us.
2 Chronicles 20:15
Hebrews 10:15, 32-38
Deuteronomy 31:16
Zachariah 4:6
Matthew 6:33-34

Ecclesiastes 3:11"*He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end*."

Choose life
Deuteronomy 30:19
I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

Jude 1:20-23

Pray in God's will
Matthew 18:19

Revelation 21:1-6
Luke 15:31

Isaiah 49:14-16 NKJV "*But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me." "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me*."

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Jeremiah 29:11-14
2 Peter 1:2-4
Ephesians 1:13-14
Hebrews 13:5-6
2 Corinthians 5:8
1 Corinthians 15:1

1 John 2:5-6 "*But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked*."

1 John 4:17 "*Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world*."

John 17:23 "*I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me*."

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