

THE QUEENS MINISTRY

BIBLE BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

LESSON:

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“So now anyone who is in Christ Jesus is not judged guilty.” Rom. 8:1 (ERV)

Introduction:

Several months ago, we studied the letters or epistles of the Apostle Paul. We looked at the overall content and intent of each letter, and who they were addressed to. According to Biblical studies the Apostle Paul wrote some thirteen letters in all, that we know of currently, covering the majority of the New Testament writings of the canonized Bible. As we noted from our studies, the letter of Hebrews is still debated as to its authorship.

The Apostle Paul was a creative and productive letter-writer. He was also a great Church-Planter, Overseer, Visionary, Mentor, and Church Leader. Often beaten, persecuted, and placed into prison, these attempts did not stop or cease the work he felt empowered and anointed by the Holy Spirit to do - several of his letters are written from his prison cell. These letters have shown that the Apostle Paul was a tireless Champion of Christianity, known as the Apostle to the Gentiles.

In our studies we discovered that he wrote the epistles to different churches, or pastors, or individuals, to guide, encourage, and to rebuke or to correct. Most of these epistles served a specific purpose or addressed a certain question or problem. Many, if not all, of the letters, were read and then passed among the churches.

“I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren.” 1 Thess. 5:27

The Apostle Paul, as we see from the study of his letters, was highly respected in the gradually increasing dispersed Christian communities, many of which he started himself.

In this lesson we will briefly review the letter of Romans and look more in-depth at one of its chapters

Aim:

- **To review the letter by a particular chapter**
- **To reinforce our knowledge of some of the favorite, well-known verses from this chapter**
- **To identify the intent of the chapter or verse(s) for application**

Part 1:

Romans

- Written around AD 57 – the church was established by Jewish believers
- Written to the church at Rome – written from the city of Corinth

- To illustrate the elements of the Law
- To share what the Gospel meant concerning Faith, Salvation and Righteous Living
- To introduce himself to the congregation and to give a sample of his message before he arrived
- Outline by chapters:

1-8 Christian Gospel – The Good News

9-11 How Israel fit into GOD's plan

10-13 Living the Christian Life

- Key Verses: Rom.5:1, 10:9-10, 12:1-2
- The NKJV Bible Commentary says that Paul wrote Romans as an organized and carefully presented statement of his faith; it does not have the form of his typical letters. Paul did not establish this church but felt a bond with the believers and desired to visit with them. He sends this letter as an introduction to who he was and his faith or belief in the Gospel.
- He lays out the facts of the Gospel and his allegiance to it. He also points out to the church the necessity of GOD's intervention on behalf of sinful mankind. He lets them know that salvation offered by GOD through Jesus is for everyone, regardless of their identity, sin, or heritage. That we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Paul talks about the freedom in Christ, that Christians were no longer bound to the domination of the law – but, he cautioned, that freedom came with responsibility to God and each other. Paul shares with the church the need for unity – the Roman church was mostly Jewish but contained a great number of Gentiles.
- The final chapters talk about what it means to live the Christian life. Paul loved the believers in Rome and hoped to visit with them while traveling to Spain after first stopping in Jerusalem to deliver the collection he had for the church there.
- Many have referred to this letter as the Roman Road To Salvation!

Concern: Introduction to an unknown congregation, explaining the tenets of the Gospel, Harmony and Unity

Romans Chapter 8

8 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰ And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the

Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of [☞]corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

²⁸ 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. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? *It is* God who justifies. ³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶ As it is written:

*“For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”*

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who 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 created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Part 2:

- 1) Paul declares that there is no longer any _____
- 2) For we are in _____ and walk according to the _____
- 3) The Spirit of life in verse 3 is the _____
- 4) What has His power freed us from _____ and _____
- 5) How does the righteous requirement of the law be fulfilled – according to verse 3:

- 6) Paul reminds the readers again that walk not _____ but to _____
- 7) Looking at verses 5-8, what are the actions or characteristics of those who live according to the flesh: _____

- 8) In contrast to this, those who live according to the Spirit show what characteristics:

- 9) We also can glean from these verses that those who live according to the Spirit can

- 10) We don't have to worry if we are Christians or not because Paul writes in verse 9 to tell us
that _____
- 11) If the Spirit of Christ is in us and we are His – we have what _____
- 12) The Holy Spirit is God's promise or guarantee of _____ for those
that believe in Him
- 13) Note what verse 11 points out to us _____

- 14) In verse 12 Paul says that we are not _____ to the _____

- 15) In other word, as Christians we owe our commitment to _____
- 16) Verses 12-13 lets us know that we can regard _____ the power of sin over us because of the Spirit of God that lives in us.
- 17) Because we are led by the Spirit of God we can claim _____
- 18) When a person becomes a Christian they gain all the privileges and responsibilities of a _____ in God's family.
- 19) The Holy Spirit living in us helps us to remember who we are, who we belong to and encourages us with God's _____
- 20) In verse 15, Paul tells us that we do not have to _____
- 21) What does that say to you as you read those words? _____
- 22) Paul shares with the readers that we can, because of our connection by the Spirit, cry out _____ or _____
- 23) Verse 16 reminds us again that we are His _____ and if so, we are _____ and _____ with Christ
- 24) Paul lets us know in verse 17 that sometimes, however slight or significant, we may have to _____
- 25) In verses 17 – 19 that though we may suffer, the end will bring _____
- 26) In verses 18-25, Paul shares with the readers, that though we suffer, that the promises of God will be fulfilled and the full and final restoration and redemption will be completed. How does Paul indicate the world, and all creation, including believers are handling this process? _____
- 27) In verse 24, He also tells us that we should have _____
- 28) How should we handle the waiting of this fulfillment _____
- 29) In verse 26, what is important for the believers to know when we seek to pray _____
- 30) How does the Spirt intercede on our behalf _____

31) Verse 27 tells us that the Spirit makes intercession for us according to

32) Verse 28 is often quoted, when incidents happen, but what is Paul telling the readers

33) This promise is not for everyone but for those that _____

34) Verses 29-30 helps us to understand God's purpose or greatest goal for our lives, which is

to make us more like Christ – He wants us to be _____

35) Paul concludes Romans 8 with the following verses that tell us that GOD is triumphant over all things; what question does he ask the readers in verse 31 that assures us of God's protection:

36) In verse 32 – Paul tells the readers that because of our connection with Christ, and that God was willing to give Him as redemption for all, He will not _____

37) What does Paul write is the role of Jesus, who died and arose and now lives

38) Paul asks a series of questions that point to God's supreme love. Christians can be assured

that _____ can ever _____ us from God's love.

39) List the items that Paul says cannot stop the flow of God's eternal, unconquerable love:

40) In verse 37 he writes that we are _____ through Him that loved us.

41) Think about it - How does this verse make you feel? _____

42) Paul concludes chapter 8 by writing, even if we must experience all these things, he was confident that none of the items listed in verse 38 would be able to separate us from God's great love:

Neither death nor _____

Neither angels nor _____ or _____

Neither things present nor _____

Neither height nor _____

Neither any other _____ thing

43) This great love of God for believers is found in whom _____

44) What is your favorite verse from Romans 8? _____

45) What have you learned from this study that will help you to feel more secured in your relationship with God through Christ Jesus? _____

46) Write a thank-you note in response to God's overwhelming love for you, share two things from verse 8 that you are truly thankful for.