

## Lesson 17 – The Book of Romans

Before we move to Romans chapter 9, which by the way will be “eye opening” to so many believers today, I want to finish with Chapter 8.

A few comments please about chapter 8 – verses 19 through 22 speak of the creation which also fell into chaos after Adam fell. This world will also be renewed. At the present time, the entire earth is groaning and labors with birth pangs. Evidence of this is the weather pattern that are stifling different countries throughout the entire world.

Famine, pestilence, hurricanes, tidal waves, tsunamis, crop failures and on you go with it are happening throughout the entire world.

One day soon, they will all end.

At the return of the Lord Jesus, the earth will settle down, begin to produce necessary food and drink to care for the entire population of the earth.

This glorious deliverance from the bondage and corruption throughout the entire world will end at the glorious appearing of the Lord Jesus, and the liberty of the children of God.

It will happen beloved; you can bet on it.

Now I want to go back to something I said last lesson.

It has to do with our understanding of our position with the Lord Jesus. For lack of a better term, we will say it is “concerning our assurance of remaining “saved”.

As I mentioned before, in John 17 (of which I believe we would do well to consider the Lord’s prayer) and realize that what we presently refer to as the Lord’s prayer, is actually the disciple’s prayer.

In John 17 we have the Lord Jesus, “lifting up his eyes toward heaven” and began to speak to His Heavenly Father.

Asking His Heavenly Father – **7 times** in this chapter – to do something for those whom He (the Father) has given to Jesus (the Son). You are aware from past teachings the importance of the number 7.

Please beloved, grasp the meaning of this. Our Heavenly Father has given us, you and me, to His Son Jesus. We were in the world, lost and without any hope, and the Heavenly Father “snatched” us from our dilemma and actually gave us to His Son Jesus.

When Jesus is praying here, He is not praying for the world. He is not requesting that the Father hang on to everyone in the world. Jesus is speaking specifically about those whom the *Father has given to Himself*. Jesus tells the Father, that they (us) were His, and He has now given us to the Lord Jesus.

All that were His have now been given to the Lord Jesus. **Verse 10** – “*And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine*”

Jesus goes on to say, **verse 11**, I am leaving this earth soon and am coming back to You, but these remain here on earth.

“Those whom You have given me, I have kept in Your Name. Keep those whom You have given Me through Your Name, that they may be one even as We are one.

**Verse 12** “While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your Name, those whom You have given Me. None of them has been *lost except the son of perdition, (Satan) that the scriptures might be fulfilled*” Side note here beloved – for those of you out there that felt that Satan could have repented and thus converted, you fail to realize that Satan was an instrument in the hands of our Heavenly Father, to do as He did according to the direction of our Heavenly Father.

Satan did what He did because it was the pre-planning and fulfillment of the prophesied word given to Adam in the garden. He was created for the exact purpose for which He fulfilled, *In order for the scriptures to be fulfilled....*

Further Jesus said vs 14, “I have given them Your word, and the world has *hated* them (side note here too beloved) According to **James 4:4** {friendship with the world is enmity with God.) Stop trying to fit in – it is not going to work out for you. We don’t go with the flow, we don’t go along to get along.

Now as we return to John 17, Jesus further states in His prayer to His Heavenly Father, “I am not asking you to take them out of this world, but rather that you should keep them from the evil one (Satan and His disciples).”

Also Jesus asks the Father – I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in My Name as a result of their testimony

That’s where we come in beloved. Down through the ages, we too have believed in the record concerning Jesus Christ, and are included in this prayer.

Jesus continues “the glory which You gave Me, I have given to them, that they may be one as We are one vs **22**

And then in **verse 24** Father, I desire also that they “whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me, for You loved me before the foundation of the world, and vs **26** I have declared to them, Your Name, and will declare it, that the love which You loved Me, may be in them, and I in them.”

Come on now beloved. You have to be callous to the importance of His word, or have to be from another planet to not see the importance if Jesus talking to His Father about you and me.

Your and my security before Him does not depend upon us in any way. He started it, and has promised to finish that which He started – and is “able to keep us from stumbling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.” **Jude 24.**

Do not insult the “spirit of grace” given to the believer. Embrace this truth with your whole heart and reap the rewards available to you as you make this truth “bone of your bone and flesh of your flesh”

Remember that Romans 8 began with “no condemnation: and ends with “no separation”

Look again at the progression of **Romans 8** starting in **verse 29**. Paul starts with His **foreknowledge**. This means His “loving us before anything” fore loving if you will. From there Paul goes to our “**predestination**” i.e. predetermined that we should be “conformed to the image of His Son, that He Jesus would become the firstborn among many brethren,

Notice something here. This was done **before** He called you and me. Once we were predestined to belong to Him, He then **called** us After He called us (verse 30) He then **justified** us (made us in right standing with Him) Notice everything done on our behalf before He justifies us, and then He **glorified** us with the same glory the Lord Jesus now has.

All we can say about these things are that “if God be for us, who could possibly be against us?” And further He wishes to give us freely ALL things;

Asking then the question in **verse 34** & following; who could bring a charge against God’s elect (you and me)? Well, who then would condemn” Certainly it would not be God Himself who has freely given us all things. Who then?

Well, who then could separate us from this glorious fact? Could it be our circumstances – *well no* – persecutions – *well no* – tribulations – *well no not that either*, well then nakedness, or peril or sword – *nope can’t be that either*.

Well what then can separate us? Death – *no*, life – *no* angels or principalities or powers, nor things happening today or will come tomorrow- *Well NO*, well then height or depth nor any other CREATED THING. (which includes you beloved)

**NOTHING SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS. OUR LORD.**

Don’t even try to persuade me that I can lose what He has given me. It is stupidity to think of such a thing....

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