

Message from God’s Life-Giving Word

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Holding onto Hope - Optimistic

Optimism vs Pessimism

Romans 8

1. My sins are _____ and my eternity is _____

*Therefore, there is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ **Jesus** the law of the **Spirit** who gives life has **set you free** from the law of sin and death.* Romans 8:1-2

2. Jesus is at the right hand of God _____ for me

*Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ **Jesus** who died—more than that, who was **raised to life**—is at the **right hand** of God and is also **interceding for us**.* Romans 8:34

3. My future _____ is greater than my present pain

*I consider that our **present sufferings** are not worth comparing with the **glory that will be revealed in us**.* Romans 8:18

4. My mind is filled with the _____ of God

*The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is **life** and **peace**.* Romans 8:6

5. If God is _____... who can be against me?

*If God is **for us**, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but **gave him up for us all**—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.* Romans 8:31-32

6. God is working _____ in my life for good

*And we know that in **all things God works** for the **good** of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* Romans 8:28

7. Nothing can separate me from the _____ in Christ Jesus

*For I am **convinced** that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor **anything else** in all creation, will be able to separate us from the **love of God** that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 8:38-39

Next Steps

1. Journal the following: What does the word “optimism” make you think of? Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic?
 2. Read Proverbs 11:27. How has this played out in your daily life? Is your attitude based more on what you see or what God says? How can you move toward the latter? Now read Romans 8. Which of the seven reasons to stay optimistic from Romans 8 comes hardest? Which comes easiest? Why?
 3. Have you experienced pain that God repurposed for good? Who could you share that hope with? Pick one of the 7 reasons you are least optimistic about. How would your life look different if you experienced it more? Live it!
- REMEMBER:** *Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It’s also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.*