

Romans 8 Outline

1A The Freedom of Walking in the Spirit, vv.1-2:

1B There is freedom from divine discipline when you walk according to the Spirit, 1 There is now therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

2B There is freedom from the slavery of sin when you walk according to the Spirit, 2 For the law of the Spirit, of the life in Christ Jesus freed me from the law of sin and death.

2A The death of Jesus as the foundation for our walking in the Spirit, vv.3-4:

1B The death of Jesus is superior to the Law of Moses, 3 For impotence of the law, in that it was weak through the flesh, God after sending His own Son in likeness of the flesh of sin, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh;

2B The righteousness of the Law is fulfilled, based on the death of Jesus and our walking according to the Spirit, 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, not to those who walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

3A Fundamental Principles of Life and Thought, vv.5-8:

1B What we live for, we think about, 5 For those who exist according to the flesh think the things of the flesh; but those according to the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

2B What we think about determines the outcome of our lives, 6 For the mind of the flesh is death; but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace;

1C Thinking according to the flesh makes us enemies of God, 7 Therefore the mind of the flesh is an enemy to God, for it does not obey the law of God, for neither is it able.

2C Thinking according to the flesh makes us unable to be pleasing to God, 8 But those who are in the flesh are not able to please God.

4A The transformation of the indwelling of the Spirit, vv.9-11:

1B The indwelling of the Spirit is transforming, thus we know of His presence, 9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, this one is not of Him.

2B The indwelling of the Spirit is the very essence of Christ, and it is life, 10 But if Christ is in you, while the body is dead through sin, the Spirit is life through righteousness.

3B The indwelling of Spirit is life-giving according to the virtue-pattern of the life of Christ, 11 But if the Spirit who raised Jesus from death dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from death will make alive also your mortal body, through His Spirit who dwells in you.

5A The Obligation to Live in Freedom by the Spirit, vv.12-13:

1B The negative 12 Therefore, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh;

2B The outcomes, death or life, 13 for if you live according to the flesh you are about to die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

6A Freedom Benefit of Walking in the Spirit #1: Adoption, vv.14-17:

1B Leadership is a sign of sonship, 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.

- 2B** Our Adoption Cry, 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery again unto fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, in which we cry, “Abba, Father.”
- 3B** The Adoption Testimony of the Indwelling and Life-giving Spirit, 16 The Spirit Himself fellow-testifies with our Spirit that we are children of God;
- 4B** The benefits of adoption, 17 But if children, then heirs; heirs of God, as well as fellow-heirs of Christ; if indeed we co-suffer, that also we might be co-glorified.
- 7A** The freedom benefit of walking in the Spirit #2: glorious redemption of creation in the revelation of the sons of God, vv.18-25:
- 1B** The sufferings of the current season of life are not worthy toward the glorious resurrection and character that is about to be revealed in us that is of far greater weight, 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy toward the glory that is about to be revealed in us.
- 2B** The eager expectation of all creation for the revelation of the sons of God explains the greater weight of eternal glory, 19, For the eager expectation of the creation waits eagerly for the revelation of the sons of God.
- 3B** God’s subjection of creation to the emptiness of death and corruption on the basis of hope explains the eager expectation of the creation, 20 For creation was subjected to emptiness, not willingly, but through the one subjected, on the basis of hope;
- 4B** The freeing of creation from the bonds of death and corruption is the cause of its hope, 21 Because also the creation will be freed from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
- 5B** The present groaning and travail of creation, 22: For we know that all creation groans together and travails together until the present.
- 6B** Our groaning toward our resurrection as our hope, 23: And not only this, but also we who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves grown within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.
- 7B** The essence of hope, 24: For we were saved in this hope: but hope being seen is not hope; for the one who sees, why does he also hope?
- 8B** Hope compels endurance, 25: But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait eagerly through endurance.
- 8A** The intervention of the Spirit into the void of our prayers, vv.26-27:
- 1B** The weakness in prayer, and the intervention of the Spirit, 26: And likewise also the Spirit helps meet our weaknesses. For what we should pray for as we ought, we do not know, but the Spirit Himself intervenes in behalf us with unspoken groans;
- 2B** The unsearchable mind of the Spirit related to the intervention, 27: Now the one who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because He intervenes in behalf of the saints according to God.
- 9A** The plan of God, vv.28-30:
- 1B** The function of God toward those who love Him, who live as called, 28: And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who exist as called according to purpose.

- 2B** The four expressions of the divine will for every human being (the five gnomic aorists), vv.29-30:
- 1C** The universal scope of His holy will, 29a: Because whom He foreknows,
 - 2C** The ultimate intent for every human being, 29b He also predestines to be conformed to the image of His Son, for Him to be the firstborn among many brothers.
 - 3C** The universal call for every human being to His ultimate intent, 30a: And whom He predestines, these also he calls;
 - 4C** The intent to justify every human being, 30b and whom He calls, these also He justifies;
 - 5C** The intent to glorify all the justified, 30c and whom He justifies, these also He glorifies.
- 10A** The eternal security for all as the basis for freedom to overcome undeserved suffering, vv.31-39:
- 1B** The great conclusion concerning the beneficial nature of God's will, 31: Therefore what will we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
 - 2B** The gift of the Son to all as evidence of the intent to justify and glorify us all, 32: So He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him over for us all, how will He not also freely give us all things?
 - 3B** Justification as the basis for freedom from accusation, 33: Who will bring a charge against the chosen of God? God is the one who justifies;
 - 4B** Christ's past work and present intervention of God as the basis for freedom from condemnation, 34: Who is the one who condemns? Christ is the one who died, and furthermore also was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who also intervenes on our behalf.
 - 5B** No separation vv.35-39:
 - 1C** The impossibility of separation from the love of Christ for any reason, 35: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Tribulation, or stress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword?
 - 2C** The Psalmic reminder of the principle that removal of blessing does not necessarily mean removal of the presence of God, 36: Just as it has been written, "For your sake we are put to death all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
 - 3C** Ultimate conquest of all challenges in the love of God, 37: But in all these things we conquer completely through the one who loved us.
 - 4C** The impossibility of separation from the love of Christ regardless of threat, vv.38-39:
38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things future 39 nor height nor depth nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.