

**Welcome - (~1 min)****Opening prayer – (~1 min)****Opening Comments – (~2 min)**

- As you might recall, Paul ended chapter 7 with these words, “Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.”
- Now chapter 8 will give us the *modus operandi*; that is, the means by which the victory is won.
- Some say this chapter in Romans is the highlight of the entire book.
- Here are some comments by other scholars regarding this wonderful chapter:
- F. Godet, the Swiss commentator, called these 39 verses great because they begin with “no condemnation” and end with “no separation.”<sup>1</sup>
- To that quote C. A. Fox added, “And in between, *all things work together for good to those that love God.*”<sup>2</sup>
- An old German commentator named Spener said that if the Bible was a ring and the Book of Romans its precious stone, chapter 8 would be “the sparkling point of the jewel.”<sup>3</sup>
- One last quote to give us a proper appreciation for the ground we are about to tread upon is by J. Vernon McGee, “This is such a glorious and wonderful epistle that all we can do is merely stand as Moses did at the burning bush with our feet unshod and our head uncovered, not fully realizing or recognizing the glory and wonder of it all.”<sup>4</sup>
- Paul has taken us on quite a journey this week.
- He introduced us to the life through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is mentioned no less than 19 times!
- He pointed out that believers have an obligation in their new relationship with Christ.
- He gives encouragement that although we suffer now; we have a wonderful future glory!
- And he closes with the wonderful words that “*..we are more conquerors through Him that loved us.*” and “*...nor will anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*”
- May the Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds at this time to receive new teaching and understanding as we go through our Study Lesson 9.

**Discussion of the Study Lesson – (~56 min)****Week’s Aim: The Gospel’s Power to Free the Found: Free from Death****Topic for Day 1: Overview – Read Romans 8:1-39 (Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ )**

1. **How would you divide this chapter into sections?** (An exercise to help people put topics together in context)

2. (+2 min) **What is one key point that you found interesting as you read through the chapter?** (This should be interesting to hear from people – it gives you insight possibly of how the Holy Spirit is teaching them by showing them what is important for them at this time in their spiritual walk)

3. (+2 min) **From your cursory read, what was something that was encouraging to you from this chapter?**  
(The good thing about questions like this is that they often encourage the others in the group by identifying something they hadn't seen/understood)

(+2 min) **Application 1: What will you apply to your life this week from the sermon?**

**Topic for Day 2: The Holy Spirit lives within. - 8:1-11**

(+2 min)

- Before we get into the first question, we need to look at Paul's opening statement in chapter 8.
- **Read 8:1** – You can get a sense that this one verse is really what the entire chapter is declaring
- *“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”*
- *Therefore* means we are to consider all that Paul has said up to this point – the foundation is laid
- *Now* is a “time” word - Paul means at this moment and for all future time!
- *No condemnation* means believers are declared *not guilty* of their sins because the penalty is paid.
- *In Christ Jesus* means the believers relationship to Christ Jesus is a **total union with Him**.
- This statement should encourage all believers of their perfect and eternal security in Christ.
- Paul reinforces this statement again in v. **39**, *“nothing... will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*
- Something we need to remember is that in spite of Paul's failures he shared in chapter 7, he did not lose his salvation.
- Not only didn't he lose his salvation but he shows us how he had victory in vs. 2 *“because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.”*
- First, any time you see the word Spirit with the capital 'S' Scripture is speaking of the Holy Spirit.
- *Law of the Spirit* refers to a principle of law **but also** to the authority exercised by the Holy Spirit
- *Spirit of life* is referring to the Holy Spirit as One who brings life – Essentially He is life!
- *Law of sin and death* is the authority sin had over our old nature which kept us separated from God
- Here is the positive on this – the Holy Spirit operates on the new nature of the believer which is virtually joined to the life of Christ!
- Because of the Holy Spirit, our *new person* within us wants to be like Christ!
- It would be great if it happened the moment we believed but we know it doesn't, it takes time
- It takes a 'lifetime' and the process is called *sanctification* – as we conform to where God wants us to be
- A very important note is that *justification* is the foundation for *sanctification*
- We must be convinced that God accepts us before we can begin to grow in conformity with Christ.
- This is key to beginning the process of *sanctification* – being convinced God accepts us!
- We also need to believe we are freed from the rule of sin and death – sin no longer masters us!
- So we have the first mention of the Holy Spirit by Paul.
- One comment worth making is “When you refer to the Holy Spirit you should use **HE not IT!**”

1. (+3 min) 1) **How many times is “Spirit” mentioned? 2) Who is this “Spirit?” 3) Identify some of His attributes and give the verse supporting you answers.**

- 1) 10x;
- 2) The Holy Spirit;

- 3) Spirit of life (2); sets believer free from law of sin (2); provides the believer a life style (4); He has desires for us (5); He brings life and peace (6); He helps us please God (implied as being opposite of 8); He lives in believers (9); again He gives life (11);
- Notice how many times the combination of the words life, alive, live, lives are used in relation to the Holy Spirit: 9x
- One can see why the title for the beginning of chapter 8 in the NIV is *Life Through the Spirit*.
- In verses 3b-4 Paul is saying that what Christ did allows God to view us as having fully met the *righteous* requirements of the law!
- We can't live like that on our own! God knew this, so He gave us His helper, the Holy Spirit
- Paul has made three points in these verses:
- Point 1: The two great works of God are *justification and sanctification*;
- Point 2: We have three agents at work in us. They are divine agents delivering us from sin and its power
- 1) God is the agent of *justification* – He pronounces us “not guilty”
- 2) The Holy Spirit is the agent of *sanctification* – He accomplishes what the law was powerless to do
- 3) Jesus Christ who makes both works possible by His death and resurrection for our sins
- Point 3: There is *one goal* – all Paul has said is directed toward one goal which is that believers living in accordance with the Spirit meet the *righteous* demands of the law!
- A principle you might want to remember here is this: There is no *condemnation* for those who live according to the Holy Spirit's leading.

**2. (+3 min) In verses 5-8, Paul places emphasis on the mind. How would you contrast the mind of the sinful person to that of one whose mind is controlled by the Spirit?**

- Sinful person's mind is set on the old nature and its desires which do not please God and lead to death
- The person's mind controlled by the Spirit is set on what the Spirit desires and will please God
- Do Christians always live by the Spirit – NO! – Paul made that abundantly clear last week in **7:24**
- BUT the implication is by Paul's words that those who are *in Christ* will be living on the path that leads towards pleasing God
- **8:5** – Paul indicates everything begins with the **mind** – he identifies two mind sets: 1) pleasing self and 2) pleasing God
- Paul says in **8:6** that the mind of sinful man is death – these people are dying on the inside!
- It seems the most alarming part of these verses is that found in **8:8**, the unbelievers can't please God!
- However, look at what Paul is saying the person gains whose mind is controlled by the Spirit
- **8:5** – their mind is set on what the Spirit desires; **8:6** – a mind is controlled by the Holy Spirit is life and peace; **8:7** – Paul implies that believers are not hostile towards God, they submit to Him and the Holy Spirit helps in doing this; and lastly, **8:8** – believers do please God!

**3. (+1 min) From verses 9-11, where does the Spirit of God live and what does He do?**

- Friends, this is a critical verse – *Spirit of God* is Paul's reference to the Holy Spirit
- Some say baptism of the Holy Spirit comes some time after being saved.
- Don't miss what Paul is saying here
- There are two categories of people – believers/unbelievers – no middle ground
- Look at **8:9b** – “*And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.*”
- Paul says if you don't have the Holy Spirit living in you, you don't have Christ
- That is critical for believers to **know and understand** –

- When you accept Christ as your Lord and Savior you immediately are indwelt with the Holy Spirit
- **8:10** – Paul is saying that although you are a believer, *your body is dead* which is physical death as a result of Adam – our bodies will die some day
- Our spirit is alive for eternity and for believers, with the help of the Holy Spirit, their progression is towards *sanctification and holiness*.
- So Paul has explained that the Holy Spirit not only gives us new life but enables us to please God and do what He wants us to do.
- That thought should bring an **amen** and rejoicing from all believers!

4. (+2 min) **Can you share an experience of the Holy Spirit living within you?**

- Listen to some sharing – if need be, you can prime the pump by sharing a personal experience of your own. This is often good when responses are lacking but don't do it often or the groups will tend to just wait for you to share. It can be a slippery slope for the leader to share answers!

(+2 min) **Application 2: What steps will you take today to allow the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts?**

- This question is for the purpose of getting the people to think more about the Holy Spirit and His involvement in their lives.
- He is the power behind the believer's life!

**Topic for Day 3: Believers have an obligation in their new relationship. - 8:12-17**

1. (+2 min) **Paul says "Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation." What is the obligation Paul is talking about? Why is this important?**

- Paul has said there is *no condemnation* and he has introduced the Holy Spirit to us
- *Therefore brothers* – you realize he is talking to believers – brothers/sisters in Christ
- "*we have an obligation*" – the obligation is to avoid living as the world (sinful nature) lives but to be separate
- **8:12-14** – our obligation is: "*if you live according to... the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, ... those led by the Spirit are sons of God*"

2. (+1 min) **What are the advantages of having the Holy Spirit living within?**

- Paul says it is by the help of the Holy Spirit that believers can **put off the misdeeds of the body** (13)
- You will live (13)
- Will be *sons of God* (14)
- The Spirit frees us from fear and assures our sonship/adoption (15)
- He also enables us to cry, "*Abba, Father*" (15)
- He *testifies with our spirit that we are God's children* (16)
- J. I. Packer said, "The revelation to the believer that God is his Father is in a sense the climax of the Bible.... Adoption is the highest privilege that the gospel offers. To be right with God the Judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the Father is a greater."<sup>5</sup>
- A young man once said, "Being justified by grace, through faith, on account of Christ is amazing! But God does not stop there. God brings us into a family relationship... I am not an emotional person but even I can not help but feel overwhelmed with emotion when I think of what Romans 8:15-17 implies."

3. (+2 min) **The Spirit enables us to experience what kind of relationship with God?**

- Realize what Paul has said, that believers have the Spirit of God, are led by Him, and are sons of God!
- The Spirit brings us into such a close relationship with our Father that we cry “Abba Father,” which is like saying “Daddy” in our language.
- What a wonderful relationship we have!

4. (+1 min) **What are some implications of this kind of relationship with God?**

- **8:15-17** – we are no longer slaves to fear – quite the contrary – we are sons of God
- We have God on our side, we have the Holy Spirit within us, and our standing is in Christ’s *righteousness*
- The Holy Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children
- This is so you and I can better understand the significance of what Paul has been saying about our relationship with God our Father!
- Here is a list of truths Paul has expressed in these verses 1-17 regarding the benefits for believers:

Believers are vitally joined to the life of Christ	Believers will share in Christ’s glory
God accepts all believers	Believers do please God
Sin is no longer a master over believers	Believers spirits are alive for eternity with God
God gave believers a Helper – the Holy Spirit	Believers are sons of God
Believers are delivered from sin’s penalty and power	Believers bodies will be resurrected when Christ returns
Believers meet the <i>righteous</i> demands of the law	Believers can call God Daddy!
Believers minds are set on what the Spirit desires	The Holy Spirit will testify to the believers spirit
Believers minds controlled by the Holy Spirit brings life and peace	Believers submit to God and the Holy Spirit helps us do that
Believers aren’t hostile toward God	Believers are given a heavenly inheritance

(+3 min) **Application 3: What are some things you will do to meet your “obligation” as you go through this day?**

(Again, this is a personal question and when people share, the others can be encouraged)

**Topic for Day 4: A little suffering now and great glory later! - 8:18-27**

1. (+2 min) **Paul uses the word *glory* in verse 18. What do you learn about *glory* from these passages?**

**Exodus 40:34-38** – “Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup> In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; <sup>37</sup> but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out--until the day it lifted. <sup>38</sup> So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels “

- There is a name for this type of *glory* that Lord was demonstrating. It is called the *Shekinah* glory.
- The definition of *Shekinah* glory is a visible manifestation of the presence of God.
- The word is not found in the Bible, but it occurs frequently in later Jewish writings.
- Above, His *Shekinah* glory filled the tabernacle – we do not know how, but Moses could not enter because of it.

- Also, His *Shekinah* glory for the Israelites was via the cloud and fire.
- His *Shekinah* glory was in Solomon's Temple but when the Babylonians destroyed the Temple, the *Shekinah* glory vanished.

**Proverbs 25:2** - "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings"

**Romans 2:7** - "To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life"

**2 Corinthians 3:18** - "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit"

**Colossians 1:27** - "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory"

**2 Thessalonians 2:14** - "He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

**Hebrews 2:10** - "In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering"

2. (+3 min) **Regarding verse 18, what were some of Paul's experiences with suffering? (See 2 Cor. 4:16-18, 6:4-10)**

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18** – "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal"

**6:4-10** – "Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; <sup>5</sup> in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; <sup>6</sup> in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; <sup>7</sup> in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; <sup>8</sup> through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; <sup>9</sup> known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; **having nothing, and yet possessing everything**"

- It seems that Paul has calculated this thought in **8:18**, thought it through, looked at it from all sides
- He seems to have counted both the debit and credit side of the ledger of life and his conclusion is:
- Our *present sufferings are not worth comparing* – they are common to all believers!
- He doesn't want believers to be misled, suffering is to be expected – Christ suffered!
- But the beauty which Paul has discovered is that our sufferings can't compare with our **future glory!**
- If you read 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians you will discover how much Paul knew about suffering and yet...
- He counts it as *not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

3. (+3 min) **Using verses 22-26, identify three entities that groan.**

- 1) The whole creation (22)
- 2) The Apostles groan (Scholars believe this also implies Christians) – “*but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit groan*” (23)
- 3) The Holy Spirit – “*the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.*” (26)
- Paul moves from **glory**, to **groans** both in Creation and Christians
- He personifies creation by equating its groans to a woman giving child birth
- Paul had heard women groan during childbirth but we know these groans are full of hope!
- Parents know something wonderful is about to happen – likewise Creation groans in hope
- **8:23** – Paul says we groan as we **eagerly** wait for adoption as sons
- Paul reminds us that we **hope** (no doubt) is going to happen (we are adopted now!)
- **8:24-25** – Paul says we **hope** for a new body (*the redemption of our bodies* (23))
- We are *saved in this hope* speaks of the word of Christ for us on the Cross and our faith in Him
- Jesus’ resurrection is for eternity and the fact His body was raised ensures that ours will be also!
- Paul is saying to his readers (us too) they aren’t to just groan but to **hope** (25) and wait (eagerly/patiently –(23,25))
- **Hope** is one of the greatest words in the Christian vocabulary – it has two senses
- First, an attitude of **hopefulness**; Second, is the content of that for which we hope
- A Christian’s attitude of **hopefulness** is that is a “sure and certain hope”
- Its not mere wishful thinking – **the thing which makes our hope sure and certain is its content!**
- The specific content is the return of Jesus Christ and Paul’s words in these verses!
- A Christian’s hope is confident because it is not grounded in emotions and feelings but God’s Word!

4. (+3 min) **Praise God that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us as stated in 8:26, but who else intercedes for us? (See Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34; James 5:16; and Ephesians 6:18) How is this encouraging to you?**

**Hebrews 7:25** – “*Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them*”

**Romans 8:34** – “*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*”

**James 5:16** – “*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective*”

**Ephesians 6:18** – “*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints*”

- Listen to the responses – Jesus, Christians, and the Holy Spirit all intercedes for us
- Here are four important points about prayer that we can glean from these verses:
- 1) We are supposed to pray – regardless of problems we have, we are to continue in prayers
- 2) Don’t expect it to be easy – nothing else in the Christian life is easy, why should we expect prayer to be? The important thing is that we keep on praying!
- 3) Realize what you are doing when you pray – it is very apparent that Paul thought about what he would pray but he also relied on the Holy Spirit’s help.
- We need to remember we too have the Holy Spirit helping us as we address our great sovereign God!

- He promises to hear our prayers and respond – but, are we willing to give Him the authority to respond as He sees fit?
- A maturing in our prayer life is when we allow our prayers to change **us**!
- 4) Be encouraged by these verses – it is true we don't know what we ought to pray
- But the Holy Spirit does and He will intercede for us and His intercession will be for the will of God

(+3 min) **Application 4: What have you learned today that you will apply to your life today?**

- This should be interesting and, if need be, encourage people to do these application questions

**Topic for Day 5: We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. - 8:28-39**

1. (+2 min) **Can suffering be a part of God working for the good of someone? (See Matthew 16:21; John 9:1-3; 11:38-40) Explain:**

- Listen to the responses before going over the verses.

**Matthew 16:21** – *“From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life”*

- Jesus suffered for the good of the human race! We would be lost if He had not suffered!

**John 9:1-3** – *“As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. “*

- This man was blind from childhood until this time when Jesus came by.
- This man had suffered with his blindness for years but there was a plan of God in all of it.
- That *the work of God might be displayed in his life*! That is an awesome thought!
- A lesson for us, that when we suffer, maybe we need to wonder how *the work of God might be displayed* in our suffering.

**John 11:38-40** – *“Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” <sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” “*

- Again, Lazarus suffered prior to his death, and then he died!
- Jesus didn't hurry to help when He was called because He knew this all would be for God's glory and to strengthen the faith of the people who cared for Lazarus
- Jesus even says *“Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”*
- She and others saw the glory of God and it was the result of someone's suffering.

2. (+2 min) **List Paul's questions in verses 31-35 and write your answer for each.**

**8:31** – *“What, then, shall we say in response to this?”*

- Paul asked this question as a result of verse 28-29 and having read them, there seems to be little to respond with since our Triune God has done it all!

**8:31** – *“If God is for us, who can be against us?”*

- How wonderful this is! He didn't spare His own Son! He spared Abraham's son but not His own! (32)
- The Son is for us (8:26)
- God is making all things work for us (Rom. 8:28)
- In His person and His providence, God is for us!
- The believer needs to enter each new day realizing God is for him/her.
- There is no need for fear, for our loving Father desires only the best for His children, even if they must go through trials to receive His best.

**8:32** – *“how will He (God) not also, along with Him (Jesus), graciously give us all things?”*

- The argument here is from the lesser to the greater.
- If when we were sinners, God gave us His best, now that we are His children, will He not give us all we need?
- Jesus used the same argument when He tried to convince people that it was foolish to worry and fear. God cares for the birds and sheep, and even for the lilies; surely He will care for you!

**8:33** – *“Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies”*

- This means that He has declared us *righteous in Christ*.
- Satan would like to accuse us, but we stand *righteous in Jesus Christ*.
- For God to accuse us would mean that His salvation was a failure and we are still in our sins.
- Understanding the true meaning of *justification* should bring a complete, all encompassing, peace!

**8:34** – *“Who is he that condemns?”*

- No one condemns the believer!
- Paul has already addressed this question in **8:1** – *“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”*
- Believers should know and understand that they have a dual intercession which keeps them secure.
- They have the Holy Spirit (8:26-27) **and** the Son of God - Jesus Christ (8:34)
- Paul says Jesus Christ sits in the seat of authority and intercedes for us – that's the gospel!!

**8:35** – *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?”*

- Jesus answered this question in **John 6:39** *“And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of all that He has given me, but raise them up at the last day”*

3. (+4 min) **What is Paul's response to his quote of Psalm 44:22 in verse 36? What assurance does that give you?**

- His response is **8:37** *“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”*
- Believers should remember they are *more than conquerors* and work at living life, through the enabling of the Holy Spirit, in the context of this verse.

4. (+1 min) **How do the words "nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" give you confidence, assurance, and hope?**

- Listen for their answers

- Paul began this chapter with “*Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus*”
- And he ends with “*(nothing) will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord*” and in between, “*all things work together for good to those that love God*”

(+2 min) **Application 5: Reread this chapter and identify two statements (write them down) that you want to remember and apply to your life.**

- After going through all this, what closing comments would do justice to encapsulate the beauty, power, or wonder of these verses. To God be the glory!

(+2 min)

### **Closing Prayers – (~1 min)**

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<sup>1</sup> F. Godet, *Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans*, trans. A. Cusin (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1892), vol. 2, pp. 56-57

<sup>2</sup> Quoted by Leon Morris, *The Epistle to the Romans* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, and Leicester, England: Inter-Varsity Press, 1988), p. 1982.

<sup>3</sup> F. Godet, *Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans*, vol. 2, p. 57

<sup>4</sup> J. Vernon McGee, *The Epistles Romans Chapters 1-8*, Thomas Nelson Publishing, p. 135

<sup>5</sup> J. I. Packer, *Knowing God*, Chapter 19