

VI. OUR COMMUNION WITH CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS
DOES NOT SEPARATE US FROM GOD'S _____

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." ROMANS 8:31-36

A. The Father will give us what we need.

B. The Son will pray for us.

VII. OUR COMMUNION WITH CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS
INCLUDES UNION WITH HIS _____

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 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. ROMANS 8:37-39

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Sermon Notes

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SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ROMANS
"THE ROMAN'S ROAD TO
VICTORY IN CHRIST"

Overview Romans 8

1. No Condemnation: The Spirit's Victory Over Sin ~ Romans 8:1-4
Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ROMANS 8:1
2. No Obligation: The Spirit's Victory Over Our Flesh ~ Romans 8:5-17
So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ROMANS 8:12-13
3. No Separation: The Spirit's Victory Through Our Suffering ~ Romans 8:18-39
...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. ROMANS 8:26

Message #12

Victory Through Suffering

ROMANS 8:16-39

MAIN IDEA: THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US VICTORY AS WE SHARE IN CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS

I. OUR COMMUNION WITH CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS _____ IN COMPARISON TO OUR UNION WITH HIS INHERITANCE

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ROMANS 8:16-18

Christ's Sufferings = Sufferings that Result From Obedience and Loyalty to Christ

II. OUR COMMUNION WITH CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS IS SHARED BY _____

For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. ROMANS 8:19-22

III. OUR COMMUNION WITH CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS INCREASES OUR ANTICIPATION OF _____

And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it. ROMANS 8:23-25

Groan = "deep yearning for our ultimate redemption"
Hope = "confident anticipation"

IV. OUR COMMUNION WITH CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS IS POSSIBLE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT'S _____

In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ROMANS 8:26-27

V. OUR COMMUNION WITH CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS CONFORMS OUR _____ AND LIVES TO CHRIST'S LIKENESS

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. ROMANS 8:28-30

The Security of God's Sovereignty

"To those who are called according to His purpose..."

Pre-time

"Those whom He foreknew" = those God took knowledge of from eternity past.

"He also predestined" = He ordained before time those who would be conformed to His Son.

In-Time

"He also called" – the effective drawing of a sinner to salvation

"He also justified" In Christ, He forgives sinners and makes us right before Him.

In Time and Post Time

"He also glorified" = He made to share eternal perfection.