

Romans 8

ASVh with Comments

Summary. In this chapter, the Holy Spirit teaches us that by keeping and practicing the commandments of God through guidance from the Holy Spirit, we become joined siblings with the Lord Jesus Christ, who through the work accomplished on the cross has conquered all, and that no power can separate us from His love. **Romans 8:1-13.** No condemnation is for those in Christ Jesus. When the sinful flesh receives rebirth through baptism in water in the name of God the Father, God the Son, Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit, that flesh has the shield of protection. But that flesh, after receiving baptism in water, must keep and practice the commandments of God. As believers, when you have the Spirit of Christ in you, the life you live is not for yourself but for the Owner of your life, the Lord God Almighty. Remember, the flesh will perish, but the soul has eternal happiness. **Romans 8:14-21.** Those led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God. The spirit of adoption is the feeling of acceptance in the spiritual world, that one is not just a normal spirit but an adopted spirit by the Lord God Almighty Himself. Anyone who truly and faithfully accepts the guidance from the Holy Spirit, that person becomes a true child of God. That person also becomes a true and joined sibling with the beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ. Everyone who wants to be saved must also listen to and obey all the commandments as the beloved Son of God has done. **Romans 8:22-27.** Receive the Holy Spirit to guide the soul. True believers' hearts must set their hope and follow the commandments of God with all the ability that has been given to them and receive the Holy Spirit to guide the soul. The believer's hope is not hope in the physical world, but their hope must be for the spiritual world, which that world has the Lord God Almighty as the Most High King. **Romans 8:28-39.** We are more than conquerors through the One who loved us, Jesus Christ. The beloved Son of God, resurrected in the human body, became the firstborn in human form. If you are His children, the love of the Father for His children will also be there. Being God, Jesus Christ accepted the death by the creatures He created. In His death and resurrection, He conquered all, and no power can separate us from His love. The work has been accomplished; no other power is greater than the work the beloved Son of God has accomplished on the cross.

¹ Therefore, now no condemnation is for those in **Christ Jesus**.

Comments Romans 8:1. Those who come under the blood of the beloved Son of God, with a true heart and mind, follow the commandments of God with a sincere heart, receive the baptism in water, and confess their sins, the Lord God Almighty has received them into the path of righteousness, and the sin of the dark mind has no room to enter. Those who keep the faith and follow the commandments until the end of life will walk on the path to heaven.

² For the law of the **Spirit** of life in **Christ Jesus** has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Comments Romans 8:2. "For the law of the Spirit of life ..." The beloved Son of God has the authority to forgive sins and the authority to receive the person who comes with a sincere heart. Therefore, abide in the love and mercy of the beloved Son of God with a true heart and action, and walk by following all the commandments without reluctance and doubt. Those souls have been set free from the sins that could lead them astray. But those souls must follow and obey all the commandments given in the Holy Bible to be secure in walking according to the commandments of God.

"From the law of sin ..." Those who follow and walk according to the teachings and commandments of the Holy Bible stay firm in the love and mercy of the beloved Son of God, which sets their souls free from the bondage of sin. Those souls who follow the commandments of God without looking back or lingering in the old life of sin will be able to walk through life and keep the faith to be worthy to stay with the beloved Son of God in Paradise.

³ For the law **being impossible**, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God**, having sent **His** own **Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

Comments Romans 8:3. "For the law being impossible ..." The Lord God Almighty created humans from nothing. Sin had entered the human body because of disobedience, making this body become unclean, which made it impossible for the human flesh to follow the commandments of God. Sin entered the world

because of disobedience, making human flesh become unclean and having a hard time following the Lord God Almighty's plan for saving humans.

“God, having sent His own Son ...” With mercy and grace, the Lord God Almighty sent His beloved Son to be born as a human. God, in human flesh, having no sin in the flesh, condemned sin itself when it tried to fight against the flesh to enter the flesh without sin and had no room for the dark to occupy.

“Condemned sin in the flesh ...” Humans born out of sin have weakness in their own flesh; sin can enter. The flesh that is weak cannot fight sin itself, but when that flesh receives rebirth through baptism in water in the name of God the Father, God the Son, Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit, that flesh has the shield of protection. But that flesh, after receiving baptism in water, must keep and practice the commandments of God.

⁴ so that the ordinance of the law **should** be fulfilled in us, who walk not **according to** the flesh, but **according to** the **Spirit**.

Comments Romans 8:4. “So that the ordinance of the law ...” With great mercy, the Lord God Almighty created humans in His own likeness and gave them the ability to think and follow the thoughts of their minds. But the Lord God Almighty also gives the Holy Spirit to all who come, meditate, and follow the commandments of God with a sincere heart.

“Who walk not according to the flesh.” The ones who walk in their daily lives, using and abiding in the commandments of God, and meditating on the Holy Word that has been given, will keep their lives to the end. The Lord God Almighty will protect those persons, because the Lord God Almighty has given the shield of protection in the Holy Word when they follow the commandments of God with their whole hearts.

“But according to the Spirit.” Any human who follows the commandments of God and practices them will not follow the lust of the flesh; the heart and soul will want to do and follow the commandments of God.

⁵ For **those who** are **according to** the flesh mind the things of the flesh; **however, those according to** the **Spirit**, the things of the **Spirit**.

Comments Romans 8:5. “For those who are according to the flesh ...” The human who denies studying the Holy Word and, in the deepest of the mind, does not take the Holy Bible as the Word of God; that mind will influence the action of the person to act according to what the world teaches. The life of that person will walk in parallel with the Holy Word. But when the right time comes, the Lord God Almighty's mercy will guide that person to have a chance to cross over when the heart softens and searches for the true meaning instead of its own interpretation.

“However, those according to the Spirit ...” The true believer's mind and soul follow what the Holy Spirit guides them to do, the things which are right in the sight of the Lord God Almighty. And that person will follow the true light, which will lead their life to have the peace of God in them.

⁶ For the mind of the flesh is death; but the mind of the **Spirit**, life and peace,

Comments Romans 8:6. “For the mind of the flesh is death.” The Lord God Almighty is the God of life, but when the mind of the flesh wants to be faithful to the world's teachings, that mind itself becomes dead because the mind pushes away the Word of God to continue to live; the reason the mind gives is that God is not visible and therefore His Word cannot be used for the world.

“But the mind of the Spirit ...” When the mind abides by the commandments of God, which bring life and light to the mind, the Lord God Almighty gives life to that mind to be able to follow to the end.

⁷ because the mind of the flesh is enmity against **God**; for it is not subject to the law of **God**, **nor** can it **even** be.

Comments Romans 8:7. “Because the mind of the flesh ...” When the mind receives influence from the world's teachings, that mind has pushed out the help from the Lord God Almighty in order to keep following the world's teachings. The Lord God Almighty does not leave the mind but lifts up His hand of protection.

“For it is not subject to the law ...” When the mind refuses the help of the Lord God Almighty, the Holy Spirit cannot guide that mind but stays on the side, and that mind influences the person to walk on the dark path which leads the person's life to death.

⁸ And **those being** in the flesh cannot please **God**.

Comments Romans 8:8. “And those being in the flesh.” The ones that listen to the world’s advice and follow it have rejected the purpose of living because they ignore the Holy Spirit in their hearts. The Lord God Almighty gives everyone the same opportunity to be saved; the path is open to everyone, but the mind that refuses to follow leads not only to physical death but also to spiritual death.

“Cannot please God.” To please the Lord God Almighty, if the flesh alone does only actions, that is not enough; the Lord God Almighty wants both the physical and the spiritual to submit to Him and glorify Him. The Lord God Almighty wants to see complete surrender from every human because when both the spiritual and the physical agree and glorify the Lord God Almighty, He is pleased with that person.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the **Spirit**, if indeed the **Spirit of God** dwells in you. However, if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, he is not **His**.

Comments Romans 8:9. “But you are not in the flesh ...” When the Holy Spirit dwells in you, He also leads not only your spiritual way but your physical way as well. The Lord God Almighty sees and knows both dimensions at the same time. Anyone who worships and glorifies the Lord God Almighty with both the physical and the spiritual is pleasing to Him.

“However, if anyone does not have ...” The one who does not recognize the Lord Jesus as the beloved Son of God and also does not recognize His death on the cross for the redemption of their soul, that person does not have the Spirit of Christ as their Leader. The Lord God Almighty will not hear that person if that person does not have His Son in them; the voice of the beloved Son of God does not come from that person. The Lord God Almighty is too holy for that person; even though that person does good for all humans and follows all human rules, that person will not be able to please the Lord God Almighty without the Spirit of Christ.

¹⁰ However, if **Christ** is in you, the body, indeed, is dead on account of sin, but the **Spirit** is life on account of righteousness.

Comments Romans 8:10. “However, if Christ is in you.” Anyone who accepts and invites the beloved Son of God to be the Lord of their life, follows the guidance and the commandments of the Holy Bible, follows the example of the beloved Son of God, and receives baptism in water, the Spirit of Christ dwells in the heart of the soul as Teacher. And if the physical ear listens and uses the spiritual ear to abide every time the voice rises up in the heart, the spiritual ears that pay attention to the Spirit of Christ in the heart will prompt the body to follow.

“The body, indeed, is dead ...” When there is complete spiritual surrender to the Spirit of Christ in you, the sin in you that tries to convince your heart to commit sin against the commandments of God is dead because the light from the Spirit of Christ shines upon your soul, making sin unable to influence you. But at the same time, you yourself must meditate on and follow the commandments of the Holy Word strictly. The victory over sin is at the door; by following the commandments of God, that door will be open at all times for protection.

“But the Spirit is life ...” Give attention, all believers; the Spirit here in this place is the voice of the Spirit of the beloved Son of God that is in you. Because you have followed the commandments of God, the voice of the Spirit is alive in you and makes your spiritual heart live through following that voice.

¹¹ But if the **Spirit** of the **One** who raised up **Jesus** from the dead dwells in you, the **One** who raised up **Christ Jesus** will also give life to your mortal bodies on account of **His Spirit** dwelling in you.

Comments Romans 8:11. “But if the Spirit of the One who raised ...” The person who has invited the beloved Son of God to be the leader of their life and whose spirit accepts His authority to be the true Master, that person will also have the Holy Spirit in their heart to guide their life.

“The One who raised up Christ Jesus ...” The human body was created out of the dirt of the ground and received life from the Lord God Almighty. May this body be the place where the Spirit of the beloved Son of God guides, leads, and is the Master, as the person commits themselves to follow and obey all the commandments of God that have been written, without question or doubt as to why they should be obeyed or what they should be, but to follow all His commandments.

“On account of His Spirit dwelling in you.” Anyone whom the Spirit of the beloved Son of God is pleased to dwell with, that person’s heart will receive the Holy Spirit for guidance and protection. The physical body of

sin has received cleansing by the Holy Blood; that physical body will receive the blessing of being the place where the Holy Spirit dwells and guides.

¹² So then, **brothers**, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live **according to** the flesh;

Comments Romans 8:12. “So then, brothers, we are debtors ...” As believers, when you have the Spirit of Christ in you, the life you live is not for yourself but for the Owner of your life, the Lord God Almighty. The Lord God Almighty is the true Owner of your physical and spiritual life. The dark has no ownership of either your physical or spiritual life. If you keep the commandments of God to the end of this life, the Lord God Almighty will continue to keep you under His will and protection. Hardship may come, but in the end, for eternity, you belong to the Lord God Almighty, the true Light of your life.

“To live according to the flesh.” The physical body continues living, but the sin of the world cannot have ownership over it. At the end of this life, the physical body, which has had sin from the beginning, will perish, but the spirit will not perish with the physical body.

¹³ for if **you live according to** the flesh, **you are about to die**; **however**, if by the **Spirit** **you** put to death the deeds of the body, **you will live**.

Comments Romans 8:13. “For if you live according to the flesh.” But if you let the lust of the flesh take control over your mind, that lust will increase the torture of this flesh. But the hardship of the physical will make the mind think that the Lord God Almighty has abandoned you by allowing your physical suffering to occur. Keep your mind and heart on the commandments of God. This flesh will perish, the suffering of this flesh is only for a short period of time, but the joy and happiness of the soul are for eternity.

“However, if by the Spirit ...” True believers who put their trust in the Lord God Almighty and keep their minds following the commandments of God, the physical will be attacked by age and weakness, but it does not last forever. Remember, the flesh will perish, but the soul has eternal happiness.

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the **Spirit of God**, these are **the sons of God**.

Comments Romans 8:14. “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God.” The Lord God Almighty has created humans to take the image of His likeness. The one who completely gives his heart and spirit to worship the Lord God Almighty, that one will also receive the treatment of being His child.

“These are sons of God.” The one who truly worships and glorifies the Lord God Almighty becomes a child of God, because this one will not listen to the voice of darkness in the world to create doubt in the mind, which will lead the heart to go astray.

¹⁵ For **you have** received not a spirit of bondage again **to fear**; but **you have** received the spirit of adoption, **by whom** we cry, **Abba, Father!**

Comments Romans 8:15. “For you have received not a spirit ...” When you have received the joy, this joy will give you confirmation that you completely belong to the Lord God Almighty. The fear of rejection will disappear from your heart because the true joy of having been accepted by the Lord occupies the mind of the spirit.

“But you have received the spirit ...” The soul of true believers will have the joy and confidence that they are not orphans in the spiritual world, which will bring confidence and trust in the mercy of the Lord God Almighty, which extends to their souls themselves. **Q:** What is this spirit of adoption in this verse? **A:** The spirit of adoption is the feeling of acceptance in the spiritual world, that they are not just a normal spirit but an adopted spirit by the Lord God Almighty Himself.

“By whom we cry, Abba, Father!” The joy of the soul, when it has confidence that it has been chosen and accepted by the Lord God Almighty Himself, makes that soul cry out with joy. In the spiritual world, that soul will cry out with joy and respect and call the Lord God Almighty “Father of my soul,” and that soul which receives full confidence will always sing praises with joy that it has become a true son of God. That soul has been adopted by the Lord God Almighty Himself.

¹⁶ The **Spirit Himself** bears witness with our spirit that we are children of **God**;

Comments Romans 8:16. “The Spirit Himself bears witness ...” When the human spirit acknowledges and accepts the guidance of the Holy Spirit completely without doubt, the Lord God Almighty also will provide understanding to the person. With the mercy of the Lord God Almighty, the Holy Spirit who is guiding the person will keep the person’s heart and mind firm in faith.

“That we are children of God.” Anyone who truly and faithfully accepts the guidance from the Holy Spirit, that person becomes a true child of God, and the Lord God Almighty treats that person as His child, providing teaching and punishment in the way the Lord God Almighty prefers, so that the true believer will be able to carry on in the faith to the end.

¹⁷ and if children, also heirs, heirs indeed of **God**, and co-heirs with **Christ**; if indeed we suffer together, so that we may also be glorified together.

Comments Romans 8:17. “And if children, also heirs ...” Anyone whom the Lord God Almighty accepts and protects becomes a true child of God. That person also becomes a true and joined sibling with the beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ. **Q:** What does it really mean, in this verse, to be a co-heir? **A:** When a person becomes a co-heir with the beloved Son of God, the suffering that person receives is not for torture but for discipline. As the Lord God Almighty has joined the suffering of the beloved Son of God on the cross, He will also join the suffering of all His children. “Join” in this context does not mean to suffer with them, but to be with them and help them through their suffering.

“If indeed we suffer together ...” When true believers suffer all the temptations and hardship in this physical life without giving up and turning away from the Lord God Almighty, the Lord God Almighty will also give those people the right to be in His kingdom.

¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared to the coming glory to be revealed to us.

Comments Romans 8:18. “For I reckon that the sufferings ...” The human mind which fully acknowledges the help from the Lord God Almighty will also acknowledge that the suffering of this physical body is just temporary and will lead us to have joy and happiness in glorifying the Lord God Almighty.

“Are not worthy to be compared ...” The beloved Son of God reveals Himself to true believers, which will bring joy and strength not only to the physical but to the spiritual as well, which will make the true believers be able to walk through all suffering and keep firm in faith.

¹⁹ For the eager expectation of the creation eagerly awaits the revealing of the sons of **God**.

Comments Romans 8:19. “For the eager expectation of the creation.” The true believer’s heart will have peace but also will have expectation because the physical eyes have seen and acknowledged the creation of the Lord God Almighty. The faithful hearts eagerly await to see the mercy of God toward humans. The true believers’ hearts always stay alert and hope for the fulfillment of the blessing.

“Eagerly awaits the revealing ...” The true believers acknowledge that by their own ability they cannot be saved. The heart acknowledges the mercy of the Lord God Almighty and waits to receive help from the beloved Son of God and to give them the opportunity to be saved because the heart has confidence that the only One that can help them is the beloved Son of God. Only the One true Savior, the beloved Son of God, can save their souls.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to vanity, not willingly, but because of the **One** having subjected it, in hope

Comments Romans 8:20. “For the creation was subjected ...” The Lord God Almighty created humans for His purpose, but the human mind lets itself be tempted by the dark influence; the disobedient nature of humans has corrupted them, but the Lord God Almighty has mercy on all. The Lord God Almighty gives all humans the way to be free from sin: read, meditate, and glorify the Lord God Almighty with all the heart and mind, and the soul will find the glory from the beloved Son of God to be able to get out from the trap of sin.

“But because of the One having ...” When humans give themselves willingly to listen to and obey the commandments of God, follow the guidelines, and do what the commandments have said, that person is willing by themselves without being forced because the soul itself wants to subordinate itself to the commandments of God, that soul will be saved and be in Paradise at the end.

²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from the bondage of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of **God**.

Comments Romans 8:21. “In hope that the creation itself ...” The true believer who sets their mind and hope for their soul to be free from the bondage of sin will find themselves to be in bondage and protection

of the beloved Son of God. It will not be easy for humans to do, but the Lord God Almighty provides help and guidelines; the Holy Spirit from God the Father helps every soul to reach its destination. When that soul lets itself be in bondage to the beloved Son of God, follows the commandments of God fully, and has peace and obedience, the Holy Spirit will dwell in that soul to help and guide the path to walk.

“Into the freedom of the glory ...” The Lord God Almighty gives freedom to all of His children. The Lord God Almighty will not force Himself on anyone who rejects the commandments of God, and even the beloved Son of God listens to and obeys all guidelines from the Father. Everyone who wants to be saved must also listen to and obey all the commandments as the beloved Son of God has done.

²² For we know that **all** the creation **groans together** and **travails** together until now.

Comments Romans 8:22. All humans are born with knowledge in themselves regarding the creation from the Lord God Almighty, but also at the same time, the dark influence is waiting to sway the minds of humans. The dark influence makes humans think about how they are born; everything has come for them to be alive with or without the hand of the Lord God Almighty. Everything happens by chance in the human mind, but at the same time the voice in their souls whispers out that there is a Creator who controls all things; nothing can happen by its own power, but by the will of the Lord God Almighty all things happen and continue forward.

²³ And not only so, but **even** ourselves, who have the **firstfruit** of the Spirit, **also** we ourselves groan within ourselves, **awaiting** adoption, the redemption of our body.

Comments Romans 8:23. “... who have the firstfruit of the Spirit.” This part refers to the believers who have given themselves to the commandments of the Lord, and also the heart wants to follow the Lord God Almighty and make the mind in the spiritual world glorify the Lord God Almighty. In the spiritual world, when the soul begs for mercy, that voice goes loud when that believer leads his physical life according to all the commandments of God.

“Also we ourselves groan ...” The heart that fully follows the commandments of God links the soul to abide and follow the Light of life in the spiritual world without delay. In the spiritual world, many things can confuse the soul, but the true Light under which the soul stays will cover and guide that soul, giving the soul the spiritually clear eyes to see the path to walk to the end of life. When the true Light covers the soul, that is the adoption of the soul.

“The redemption of our body.” The physical body that is full of sins will melt; but when this physical body melts away, the shape of the spiritual body that has been waiting will also appear at the same time. The soul of the true believers will not get lost in the dark space but will walk through the Light to the waiting spiritual body. All believers, the spiritual and the soul have a connection. And this connection is from the Lord God Almighty who creates the path for them to find one another and wait for the judgment time to come at the end.

²⁴ For in hope we were saved; **however**, hope **being** seen is not hope; for **does any one hope for what he sees?**

Comments Romans 8:24. “For in hope we were saved.” True believers’ hearts must set their hope and follow the commandments of God with all the ability that has been given to them. Receive the Holy Spirit to guide the soul, then the believer must follow and obey the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ignore the voice of the world that criticizes the way of faith that you have received.

“However, hope being seen ...” This hope is not hope in the physical world, but this hope must be for the spiritual world, which that world has the Lord God Almighty as the Most High King. The Word from His mouth is an order to every soul to follow and obey. At this point, the heart of the soul and the ear will have only one hearing. When the soul listens to this voice, the influence of others will become dim and will have no impact to sway the soul away from the right path to walk.

“For does any one hope for ...” When the physical eyes see and put hope in the things they see, at the same time the Holy Spirit from the Lord God Almighty will also whisper the true meaning of what the physical eyes are looking at.

²⁵ But if we hope for that which we see not, **through** patience we **eagerly** await.

Comments Romans 8:25. “But if we hope for that ...” Physical and spiritual are different; what the eyes see makes the heart sway, but in the spiritual, what the spirit knows makes the soul glorify. We must pay attention between seeing and knowing; meditate, and the help will come.

“Through patience we eagerly await.” Knowing that will make the heart and spirit have the patience to endure the hardship and confusion. The Lord God Almighty will give help to those who meditate and ask for help.

²⁶ And likewise the **Spirit** also joins to help our weakness; for the things which we should pray for as it behooves, we know not; but the **Spirit Himself** makes intercession with groanings inexpressible;

Comments Romans 8:26. “And likewise the Spirit also joins ...” Any heart that is truly submissive and obeys the commandments of God and follows without delay, the Lord God Almighty sees that heart worthy to dwell with, and the Holy Spirit will be happy to dwell and guide that soul; not to be one with it but to dwell and help in situations that are hard for the soul to overcome the trouble. The Holy Spirit of the Most High God receives the duty of guiding and protecting the true believers. The price to pay for this is the heart that is faithful and truly worships the Lord God Almighty.

“For the things which we should pray for ...” As humans, we cannot know what will happen in the next minute, but the Spirit of the Most High God knows things and will lead the soul. The present and future moments belong to the Lord God Almighty, and all are under His control. Let all believers put full trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

“But the Spirit Himself makes intercession ...” The Holy Spirit helps the true believers’ hearts and souls to have the confidence and passion to follow the Lord God Almighty’s commandments. In the true believer’s heart, which has invited and follows all the commandments of God and finds peace and is eager to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, give attention to the whispering voice in the heart, but the true believer must try to separate the voice of the heart and the mind. The mind gets the influence from the world, but the heart gets the influence and guidance of the Holy Spirit, which will lead the soul to salvation. Because the Holy Spirit knows the deepest thoughts of the mind and soul itself of a true believer, when that heart truly asks for help, the Holy Spirit will intercede for that heart by begging to the Lord God Almighty for mercy.

²⁷ and the **One** searching the hearts knows what the mind of the **Spirit** is, because **He** intercedes for the saints according to **God**.

Comments Romans 8:27. “And the One searching the hearts ...” The true believers who have the Holy Spirit in them, when they ask for help, the Lord God Almighty knows the deepest thoughts of their minds, because within those persons, they have the Holy Spirit in them, who has already known the deepest thoughts of their minds.

Q: What about the unbelievers? **A:** When a person does not believe in the existence and the power of the Lord God Almighty, that one becomes nothing to consider, and the Lord God Almighty looks through the heart and does not stop there, because the Lord God Almighty knows whether that one will or will not ever be a believer.

“Because He intercedes for the saints ...” If that heart has the Holy Spirit within, all requests that go through Him, the Lord God Almighty will help and will make them according to the request of the Holy Spirit within that heart.

²⁸ Now we know that to those loving **God** all things work together for good, to those being called according to purpose.

Comments Romans 8:28. “Now we know that to those loving God.” In this place, let all readers pay attention to the word “love.” This love is not love by mouth or thought but by the deepest heart. The Holy Spirit, who is inside the heart, knows the truth when the one who believes in the Lord God Almighty proclaims themselves to have true love. The Holy Spirit knows all that is truly deep in the heart.

“All things work together for good.” The true love for the Lord God Almighty will work for the soul of the person to lead the person to be able to keep the faith to the end of the physical life. The Lord God Almighty does not force any love or commitment on anyone, but He lets everybody follow their heart, and He uses the feeling of the heart to control the mind of the person to walk in faith for the rest of their life.

“To those being called according to purpose.” Every believer who invites the Holy Spirit to dwell in their life will receive the guidance, and also the Holy Spirit, who dwells in that heart, will guide the heart to be able to make the difference and follow the right path to the end. When the Holy Spirit is in the heart, that is the meaning of being called according to purpose.

²⁹ For whom **He** foreknew, **He** also predestined, conformed to the image of **His Son**, for **Him** to be the firstborn among many brothers;

Comments Romans 8:29. “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined.” The true believers who have received the Holy Spirit to dwell in their hearts, those have also been known by the Lord God Almighty.

Q: What does “He also predestined” really mean? A: The Holy Spirit in their hearts lets every person know whom they must serve and obey.

Q: Does this verse talk about predestination in the sense that the Lord chooses ahead who is a believer? A: This is not about predestination, but the Lord God Almighty knows the future of each soul before they were born. Knowing ahead is not predestination because He does not force them to believe, but it is the free will of each person.

“Conformed to the image of His Son.” The true believer has also invited the beloved Son into their life and gets to be under the umbrella of the blood of the beloved Son of God. They all receive the love and protection under the Holy Blood.

“For Him to be the firstborn ...” The beloved Son of God, resurrected in the human body, became the firstborn in human form, and those who are under the Holy Blood become His brethren because the Lord God Almighty accepts all who come under the blood of His beloved Son.

³⁰ then those whom **He** predestined, these **He** also called; and whom **He** called, these **He** also justified; and whom **He** justified, these **He** also glorified.

Comments Romans 8:30. “Then those whom He predestined ...” The Lord God Almighty calls every human, but not every human accepts and replies to the call. For those who accept and reply back to the call, they will turn out to be His chosen. And when He chooses them, they will stay firm in faith to glorify the Lord God Almighty.

“And whom He called ...” Whoever accepts and replies to the call, the Lord God Almighty accepts their decision and continues His blessings upon them. Because their soul feels accepted, they will glorify the Lord God Almighty deep within and not sway, and that heart of feeling will be pleasing to the Lord God Almighty, making the Lord God Almighty choose them to stay close at all times.

“And whom He justified ...” When the soul is pleasing to the Lord God Almighty, in the spiritual world it will receive the benefit of that which the Lord God Almighty will give as the reward to those souls, which no human words can explain, the joy of the soul who receives the blessing to stay firm close to the throne. The Lord God Almighty blesses those souls to be happy and joyful in glorifying Him in heaven for eternity.

³¹ What then **will** we say to these things? If **God** is for us, who is against us?

Comments Romans 8:31. Humans, give attention: the verse tells us all clearly that the Lord God Almighty has chosen you to be His children. If you are His children, the love of the Father for His children will also be there. Even if your own disobedient mind tries to fight against His way, His love will not depart from you. When His love does not depart from you, the dark cannot take you from Him, even though you, in your own disobedient mind, try not to follow His commandments, but His hand of protection covers all of you.

³² **He** who spared not **His** own **Son**, but delivered **Him** up for us all, how **will** **He** not also with **Him** grant us all things?

Comments Romans 8:32. “He who spared not His own Son.” God the Father, for the love toward humans, has sent His beloved Son to come down. The beloved Son of God has accepted the duty to point the way for all humans to be saved. The Lord God Almighty’s will is to save all humans; the great love for humans has brought the Father to the point that the Father has sent His own Son to come down and save humans.

“But delivered Him up for us all.” The God of Three, when One comes down to take the form of a human, the part of Three still continues as God, even though the shape has changed to take the form of a human. The God of Three takes the form as a created thing; it is by the will of the Father to give His beloved Son to

take the form of the dirt to be His own body in order to save humans. The love of God Almighty for saving all humans has been shown in this action itself.

“How will He not also with Him ...” Anyone whom the Lord God Almighty is pleased with, that one will also receive the blessing. And the Lord God Almighty will also help that one stay firm in faith. But that one must also stay firm in meditation and prayer and not let their heart idle toward the commandments of God.

³³ Who will bring an accusation against the elect of God? God, who is justifying;

Comments Romans 8:33. “Who will bring an accusation ...” The one that the Lord God Almighty lays a hand upon for protection, that one will not have their own will to fight against all bad influences, but the Lord God Almighty Himself will send the help to help that one to go through all troubles. Prayer and meditation will help those to be able to overcome the problems. The Lord God Almighty never leaves His children, but with the prayer and meditation of many, the help will come.

“God who is justifying.” All things happen for the pleasure of the Lord God Almighty, and the help is the will of the Lord God Almighty. The elect of the Lord God Almighty will be able to go through all troubles. Justifying is the pleasing of the Lord God Almighty. The help the Lord provides—that is pleasing to Him.

³⁴ who is the condemning one; Christ Jesus, who having died, now more having been raised up, who is at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Comments Romans 8:34. “Who is the condemning one.” When humans commit sin and walk against the commandments of God, the dark will use that action and come to make accusations to the Lord God Almighty that His own creation has committed sin, not they themselves doing it.

“Christ Jesus, who having died ...” The beloved Son of God also died under the hands of humans, but now has been raised up by the power of the Lord God Almighty. The One who died under the hands of humans has the rightful place to sit on the throne with the Lord God Almighty and give the right to humans to receive mercy, even when humans were the ones who crucified the beloved Son on the cross. The evil one accuses humans of being the ones who take full responsibility for murdering and disobeying the commandments of God.

“Who is at the right hand of God ...” The beloved Son of God seated at the right hand of the Lord God Almighty is also the One who defends those who murdered Him. The evil uses the action of humans to fight against the mercy of the beloved Son of God, which is deserving of punishment, but the mercy of the beloved Son has made it so humans don’t receive punishment, and in order to justify the humans’ deed, the Lord God Almighty condemns the evil one instead.

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Comments Romans 8:35. The beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ, accepted suffering and torture until death in order to save all humans. The Lord God Almighty has seen the suffering of the beloved Son and has put all things under His feet because the death in the human body of the Son has conquered all things. Being God, He accepted the death by the creatures He created; with that death He has conquered death itself. In His death He conquered all, and no power can separate us from His love.

³⁶ Even as it has been written, For your sake, we are put to death all the day; we were reckoned as sheep for slaughter.

Comments Romans 8:36. The Lord God Almighty has given all the details to the writer to put down in the Holy Bible for all humans to know how much love they have received. Do not take it lightly; the love of God is greater than the suffering.

³⁷ But in all these things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

Comments Romans 8:37. The beloved Son of God gave Himself to take the suffering on the cross for the love which He has for all humans. This love has conquered death itself because the Lord God Most High created all things and loves all things, at the same time, giving His only beloved Son to come down to take the form of a human for saving all humans. For anyone who comes under the love of the Holy One, the dark cannot have power over them, but they themselves must remain in all the commandments of God that have been given.

³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other **created thing will** be able to separate us from the love of **God** in **Christ Jesus** our **Lord**.

Comments Romans 8:38-39. Pay attention, all believers, read and meditate: nothing that humans put and take as having power has any power to save—they all are just human things and they put them as gods for themselves. Humans create many gods in their minds, but those are not gods; they are just make-believe stories, with no true power or authority in saving souls. The Lord God Almighty and His beloved Son have conquered them all. The work has been accomplished; no other power is greater than the work the beloved Son of God has accomplished on the cross. God the Father Himself and the beloved Son also have tasted the suffering and death of human way. Those who come and surrender mind and soul to Him who created them and saved them through His own death on the cross, at the end, will have peace and joy in Paradise.

Life and faith applications. 1) The Lord God Almighty gives the Holy Spirit to all who come, meditate, and follow the commandments of God with a sincere heart. 2) Any human who follows the commandments of God and practices them will not follow the lust of the flesh. 3) True believers take the Holy Bible as the Word of God; they depart from the things of the flesh, and they follow with their minds and souls what the Holy Spirit guides them to do. 4) Anyone whom the Lord God Almighty accepts and protects becomes a true child of God. That person also becomes a true and joined sibling with the beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ. 5) Humans create many gods in their minds, but those are not gods; they are just make-believe stories with no true power or authority to save souls. The Lord God Almighty and His beloved Son have conquered them all, and only in the name of the Lord Jesus can one find salvation for their soul.