

# TRUTH UNASHAMED

## Part 3: The New way

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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### Week 7

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**This weeks focus scripture:** Romans 8:31-39

**This weeks reading challenge:**

- All of Romans 8
- Re-read verse 31-39 several times.
- Bonus challenge! We are now half way through the book of Romans. Across the next few weeks, re-read all of Romans chapters 1-8.

**This weeks memory challenge:** Romans 8:31-32

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### Study and Reflection

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**Day 1:** Using the sermon notes, prayerfully read through the nine ‘statements of reality’ that summarize Romans chapter 8. With each one, ask God to show you how He is growing this truth in your life. Journal your thoughts!

**Day 2:** Read verses 31-32, considering the following:

- What does it mean that God is FOR YOU? What are the implications of this truth in your life, right now?
  
- Read verse 32. What is the “all things” Paul refers to that are promised to us In Christ? Again, what are the implications of this promise in your life, right now?



*Just so we see where we are... a quick review of Romans 8. BY FAITH, IN CHRIST*

- Vs. 1: *We are free from condemnation! Totally. Eternally.*
- Vs. 2-4: We have been set free from the power of sin and death. When we live *by the Spirit*, God's nature, character, and work will be fulfilled in us.
- Vs. 5-8: We have the ability to live 'according' to our flesh, but this is not who we are! When we choose to live according to the *Spirit of Him who dwells within us*, we will experience Life and Peace.
- Vs. 9-11: We belong to Christ, therefore the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ dwell within us! In Christ, our spirit is in union with the Trinity, and the Spirit of God who raised Christ from the dead *lives in us*.
- Vs. 12-13: Because the Spirit is in us, and we are in the Spirit, the necessary result is that we will *live* by the Spirit! It is *by the Spirit* that our flesh is put out of power, and it is *by the Spirit* that we experience the Life of God in us and through us. This is our essential reality as believers: we *live by the Spirit!*
- Vs. 14-17: We are children of God, adopted into God's family, co-heirs of Christ, sharing his Glory.
- Vs. 18-21: Life is difficult, yes, but any present sufferings pale in comparison to God's Glory promised to us. Our future is not one of fear, but of the freedom and glory of God.
- Vs. 22-27: We live in the certain Hope of the full redemption of our bodies- that this life is just the beginning of the great story of eternity with God. And even though we are weak IN OUR FLESH, the Spirit of God who dwells in union with our spirit continuously prays to God on our behalf.
- Vs. 28-30: In all things, God is working for our true and ultimate good, according to His purpose. In His eternal knowledge, God has destined that we WILL be fully conformed to the image of Christ, and as brothers and sisters of Christ, we will share in His Glory.

† AND NOW... The disciple's inevitable, inescapable, indescribable response:

**Romans 8:31**

If God is FOR us, who can be AGAINST us?

*A little Divine Logic*

† Because God gave us His own son, He also gives us ALL THINGS.

**Romans 8:32**

† Because God has JUSTIFIED us, who can bring any charge against us?

**Romans 8:33**

† Jesus, who died for us and rose again, is at the side of God right now interceding for us! Who can CONDEMN us?

**Romans 8:34**

† Given all this, who (and what) can separate us from God's Love?

**Romans 8:35-39**