**Romans Chapter 8**

**Blessings From Being a Child of God!**

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Many Bible scholars consider Romans chapter 8 as perhaps the greatest chapter in the Bible (it’s at least one of the most important). In this chapter we learn many important privileges and blessings from being a part of God’s family – a child of God!

**Blessings From Being a Child of God**

1. **No condemnation! Our sin penalty has been covered by Jesus! (v. 1-4)**
2. **Our sinful nature does not have to control us, but we can be controlled by the Holy Spirit (v. 5-9)**
3. **The Holy Spirit lives within us! (v. 9-10)**
4. **Jesus lives within us! (v. 9-10)**
5. **Our bodies will die, but our spirits live on! (v. 10)**
6. **We will have eternal, resurrected bodies! (v. 11, 23)**
7. **We are God’s children, part of His family! (v. 14-17) (See John 1:12; Gal 3:26-29; I John 3:1-3)**
8. **We are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ! (v. 17)**
9. **Our present sufferings are nothing compared to our future glory! (v. 17-18)**
10. **We have a future glory coming that all creation is looking forward to! (v. 18-23)**
11. **We have the great hope of eternal life! (v. 23-25)**
12. **The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, can help us pray, and intercedes for us! (v. 26-27)**
13. **God works all things out for our eventual good! (v. 28)**
14. **God has called us and is helping us to become more like Jesus! (v. 29-30)**
15. **God is for us, and no charge against us will stand! He has our backs! (v. 31-34)**
16. **Jesus intercedes for us! (v. 34)**
17. **We are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us! (v. 37)**
18. **NOTHING can separate us from the love of God found in Christ Jesus our Lord! (v. 38-39) (See John 10:27-30)**
19. **Other?**

**predestined** - predetermined; note carefully in **v. 29** that it is based upon "foreknowledge" (cf. **1Pe 1:2**), and that which is predetermined is WHAT those in Christ are to become, not WHO are to be in Christ

**ANOTHER MORE TRADITIONAL OUTLINE:**

**I. IN CHRIST THERE IS FREEDOM FROM SIN (1-17)**

 **A. FREEDOM FROM THE CONDEMNATION OF SIN (1-4)**

 1. Available to those in Christ, made possible by the law of the

 Spirit of life (**1-2**)

 2. An accomplishment not attained by the Law, but by the death of

 Christ (**3-4**)

 **B. FREEDOM FROM THE POWER OF SIN (5-17)**

 1. To those who set their minds on the things of the Spirit, not

 the flesh, pleasing God (**5-8**)

 2. To those who have the indwelling Holy Spirit (**9-11**)

 3. To those who by the Spirit put to death the deeds of the body

 (**12-13**)

 4. To those thus led, who are the children of God and joint heirs

 with Christ (**14-17**)

**II. BLESSINGS OF BEING CHILDREN OF GOD (18-39)**

 **A. THE GLORY TO BE REVEALED IN US (18-25)**

 1. Present sufferings don't even compare (**18**)

 2. The whole creation eagerly awaits for the revealing and

 glorious liberty of the children of God (**19-22**)

 3. We also eagerly await with perseverance for this hope (**23-25**)

 **B. THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (26-27)**

 1. Helps in our weakness as we pray (**26a**)

 2. By interceding for us as we pray (**26b-27**)

 **C. ALL THINGS WORKING TOGETHER FOR GOOD (28-30)**

 1. For those who love God, called according to His purpose (**28**)

 2. For such, whom God foreknew, He will carry out His ultimate

 purpose (**29-30**)

 **D. GOD'S LOVE TOWARD HIS CHILDREN (31-39)**

 1. God, who spared not His own Son, is on our side (**31-33**)

 2. Christ, who died for us, now intercedes for us at God's right

 hand (**34**)

 3. Through such love we are more than conquerors over all things

 (**35-39**)