

SUMMER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016
THEME: TOWARD A NEW CREATION
UNIT TWO – A WORLD GONE WRONG

“GOD’S COMPLETE ASSURANCE TO THE BELIEVER”



Sunday School Lesson No. X– August 7, 2016
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Lesson Text: Romans 8:28-39

Required Reading: Romans 8:1-39

Motto Text: Romans 8:31 (NLT), *“What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?”*

Reliable Resources: All the Books and Chapters of the Bible (H. Lockyer); Understanding the 66 Books of the Bible (Dr. David Jeremiah); Expository Notes and Outlines on the Book of Romans (E. C. Gillentine); Word Search 10 Electronic Library; MacArthur Study Bible; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living (UMI Publishing); George Brooks Preaching Commentary; Analytical Bible Expositor; Wiersbe Expository Outlines, The Bible Exposition Commentary (Be Series), Warren Wiersbe; The Outline Bible, H. L. Willmington

INTRODUCTION

Beloved, we teach the lesson this week on the backs of two outstanding scholars, Dr. Warren Wiersbe and Dr. H. L. Willmington. The lesson space and time is so limited that I feel it necessary to give you the benefit of their experience and scholarship in which I have trusted for decades. I will open with an introduction by Dr. Wiersbe and our outline will be quoted from Dr. Willmington. God be praised for these biblical giants and their research!

Wiersbe states, “Romans 8 is the Christian’s ‘Declaration of Freedom,’ for in it Paul declares the four spiritual freedoms we enjoy because of our union with Jesus Christ. A study of this chapter shows the emphasis on the Holy Spirit, who is mentioned nineteen times. ‘Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty’ (II Cor.3:17).” Wiersbe discloses:

“Freedom from Judgment – No Condemnation (Rom. 8:1-4);
Freedom from Defeat – No Obligation (Rom. 8:5-17);
Freedom from Discouragement – No Frustration (Rom 8:18-30);
Freedom from Fear – No Separation (Rom. 8:31-39).” Thank you Dr. Wiersbe!

Now let us examine “God’s Complete Assurance to the Believer.” **Anticipated Power Points** and outline from Dr. H. L. Willmington’s “The Outline Bible.”

- **The Believer has a New Position. Romans 8:1-8**
- **The Believer has a New Guest. Romans 8:9-14**
- **The Believer has a New Adoption. Romans 8:15-17**
- **The Believer has a New Hope. Romans 8:18-25**
- **The Believer has a New Prayer Helper. Romans 8:26-27**
- **The Believer has a New Confidence. Romans 8:28**
- **The Believer has a new Destiny. Romans 8:29-39**

LESSON OUTLINE (ROMANS 8)

- I. The Believer has a New Position (8:1-8).**
A. Our position in regard to the Son of God (8:1-3): The believer is in Christ.
1. The miracle involved (8:1, 3a): Believers receive no condemnation and are freed from sin and death.
2. The means involved (8:2, 3b): This was accomplished not through the law of Moses, but by the death of Christ.
B. Our position in regard to the law of God (8:4-8): We are now able to fulfill the righteous requirements of the law in and through Christ.
- II. The Believer has a New Guest (8:9-14).**
A. Who he is (8:9): He is the blessed Holy Spirit himself.
B. What he does (8:10-14)
1. He once strengthened Christ and raised him from the dead (8:11).
2. He now lives within us and controls us (8:9).
3. He now strengthens us and will someday raise us from the dead (8:10, 12-14).
- III. The Believer has a New Adoption (8:15-17):** We are now members of God's family.
- IV. The Believer has a New Hope (8:18-25):** The nature of this hope is the full and final redemption of all things, including:
A. Christians (8:18, 23-25)
B. Creation. (8:19-22)
- V. The Believer has a New Prayer Helper (8:26-27).**
A. The identity of this helper (8:26a): He is the Holy Spirit.
B. The indispensability of this helper (8:26b): His prayers are vital, because we don't even know what we should pray for.
C. The intensity of this helper (8:26c-27)
- VI. The Believer has a New Confidence (8:28).**
A. What it involves (8:28a): God causes everything to work together for good.
B. Whom it involves (8:28b): Those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.
- VII. The Believer has a New Destiny (8:29-39).**
A. The summary (8:29): The Father himself has decreed that all believers should become like his dear Son!
B. The steps (8:30)
1. We were *foreknown by the Father* (8:30a).
2. We were *predestined by the Father* (8:30b).
3. We were *called by the Father* (8:30c).
4. We were *justified by the Father* (8:30d).
5. We were *glorified by the Father* (8:30e).
C. The security (8:31-39)
1. There exists no possible accusation against believers (8:31-34).
a. The Father will not allow this (8:31-33).
b. The Son will not allow this (8:34).
2. There exists no possible separation from the Savior (8:35-39). This includes:
a. Both life and death (8:35-38a)
b. Both angels and demons (8:38b)
c. Both present and future (8:38c)
d. Both height and depth (8:39)"

CLOSING

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 24-25

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Looking Ahead:

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Romans 9:6-18

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