

Gaining A Greater Grasp On The Gospel of Grace

A Series of Studies From Romans

Identifying the Importance & Impact of Our Identity:

We're Being Transformed Into The Image of Christ

—from Romans 8 with support from other relevant passages

—**Romans 8:28–30** And we can be assured that God orchestrates all things to fit 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.

—**Ephesians 2:19–22** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but **you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are in God's family**, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

—**1 John 3:1–2** See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that **we are called children of God**; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, **now we are children of God**, and **it has not appeared as yet what we will be**. We know that **when He appears, we will be like Him**, because we will see Him just as He is.

IMPORTANT IDEAS INCLUDED IN TODAY'S STUDY

Romans 8 helps us _____ whether

our _____ is found in Christ

or in the _____ that controls our culture!

It reveals that there's a _____

between simply _____ in Jesus and

_____ ourselves to His _____ !

—EXPLAINING THE ESSENTIAL TRUTHS INCLUDED IN TODAY'S STUDY:

—**Location! Location! Location! = Context! Context! Context!**

—**Proverbs 30:5–6**

Every word of God is tested and true;

He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

Do not add to His words

Or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar.

—1—

_____ humanity was created perfectly in God's _____ !

—2—

When Adam sinned, our _____ became _____ !

—Insecurity

—Instability

—Isolation

—3—

By exchanging God's truth for a lie and His glory for deception,
..... takes control of our lives!

—4—

God by sending Jesus to die in our place!

—5—

By trusting in His provision, we with His sacrifice &
God's Spirit our lives to restore God's

—EXAMINING how these TRUTHS should INFLUENCE & IMPACT us:

—1} Romans 8 is filled with theological & practical truths that assist us in solving our **IDENTITY crisis** that's a result of our sin nature.

—2} Since humanity was created in God's image, God's perfect will is for us to be His **IMAGE-BEARERS**. Our **TRUE IDENTITY** can only be found once we've fully entrusted our lives to Christ!

In some way or another, everyone is searching for **IDENTITY** and trying to find **STABILITY, SUCCESS, & SECURITY**.

The Lord Jesus is the **FOUNDATION** that gives us **STABILITY!**

When Jesus proclaimed "It is **FINISHED!**" on the Cross, He made it possible for us to find **SUCCESS!**

Jesus promised that He wouldn't leave His **faithful followers** as orphans! His indwelling Holy Spirit makes us part of His **FAMILY** and that provides us with the **SECURITY** we need and desire!

—3} Until Jesus appears to take us to the place that He's been preparing since His ascension to the right hand of God, we'll face various trials & temptations related to sin. His Spirit gives us **STABILITY, SUCCESS, & SECURITY**, motivating us with **HOPEFUL PERSEVERANCE & ENDURANCE** as we **EAGERLY** wait!

—4} The **GOOD** that God promises us in Romans 8:28 provides us with **ENCOURAGEMENT** that gives us **ENDURANCE on earth** because of our **HOPE of Heaven!**