

## Gaining A Greater Grasp On The Gospel of Grace

A Series of Studies From Romans

### God's Promised Provision, Perfect Plan, & Providential Purpose

—from Romans 8 with support from other relevant passages

—Some INTRODUCTORY IDEAS related to our study:

—1) *A summary of what Romans 1–8 teaches:*

- Romans 1–3 *discloses* the power of the Gospel & the problem of sin!
- Romans 4–5 *declares* God's gracious & glorious provision by Christ!
- Romans 6–7 *delineates* the difference between legalism & license!
- Romans 8 *designates* that God's Holy Spirit enables us to be holy!

—2) *Three practical questions we might want to ask:*

- If God has *promised* to orchestrate all things to be good for us, **why is life sometimes filled with challenges that seem overwhelming?**
- If God has *provided* everything necessary for us to be rescued from sin, **what's my responsibility in the process?**
- Since God's Spirit is *present* in everyone who has placed their trust in Christ, **how do I break free from being controlled by the flesh?**

### The MAIN IDEAS from Today's Study

God is SOVEREIGN = He has \_\_\_\_\_ over  
His \_\_\_\_\_ & there is nothing outside of the *realm* of  
His \_\_\_\_\_ ! If we are faithful followers of  
Christ, God's \_\_\_\_\_ goal for our lives is a special sense of  
Supernatural \_\_\_\_\_ that overcomes  
our fleshly \_\_\_\_\_ !

—Identifying the BASIC TRUTHS from Our Study:

—*Five promises emphasized in Romans 8:1–30*

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—Faithful followers of the Lord *will never face God's condemnation!*

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—God's Spirit **resides** in every faithful follower *to help us avoid sin!*

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—God's Spirit **reminds** us that *future hope* defeats *present problems!*

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—God's Spirit **reveals** *God's will* & helps us **pray effectively!**

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—God regulates *all things* for *what's best* for those who love Him!

—An outline of the **CONTENT** in Romans 8

—1) The **ROLE** of *God's Spirit* in our *salvation* from *sin*. {8:1–27}

—2) The **REIGN** of *God's sovereignty* over the lives of His followers. {8:28–30}

—3) The **REALITY** of *God's security* for His followers. {8:31–39}

—Investigating how these **TRUTHS** should **INFLUENCE & IMPACT** us:

—1} A **HOLY LIFESTYLE** is only possible once we've **entrusted our lives to Christ** by **admitting our sin, accepting His sacrifice as our Substitute**, and **acknowledging His authority over our lives!**

—2} A **HOLY LIFESTYLE** is impossible by our own ability!  
It can only be a reality through the power of God's Spirit.

—3} There is no **middle ground** between **WALKING IN THE SPIRIT & WALKING IN THE FLESH!**

—4} God is **SOVEREIGN** therefore He has **COMPLETE CONTROL** over His **CREATION!** There is nothing outside of the *realm* of His **POWER & AUTHORITY!**

—5} God is **INFINITE** & we are **FINITE!**  
Our perceptions and perspectives are limited by our sin nature.

—6} If we are faithful followers of Christ, God's **GOAL** for us is to **enjoy & exercise** the **SPIRITUAL STRENGTH & SECURITY** provided for us by His indwelling Holy Spirit. This is intended to overcome our **FLESHLY FRAILTIES, FAILURES AND FEARS!** Our **CONFIDENCE** should be in His **PRESENCE, POWER, & PROVISION!**

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