

The Remedy's Glorious Effect

Romans 8:17-39

Introduction:

We along with Paul, have struggled with our flesh which not simply desires but demands instant gratification, and have discovered that it only brings us into bondage to the flesh with its results—sickness, suffering and death. We desire to be servants of God and righteousness, but are perplexed about how this is attainable. The only remedy for this spiritual condition is a new spirit, “the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus” which works in us both to desire the death of this old nature, and to lay hold of the divine power to crucify it. In this study we will learn that nothing can separate us from the power of love God has for us which makes us “more than conquerors through Him.” The ultimate effect of this spiritual victory will not only be a new glorified character, but also a new glorified body.

Romans 8:17

Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

Having “received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father,” we are now children of God “and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *Him*.”

1John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

How do we suffer with Christ? How did Christ suffer?

Hebrews 2:18 For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted.

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 5:8 Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered;

We also suffer being tempted which is necessary if we are to be victorious.

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3) Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4) But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

1Peter 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7) That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise

and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8) Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9) Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Not only did Christ suffer being tempted, but we know He also suffered persecution unjustly and so will His saints.

Philippians 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake;

2Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

2Timothy 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, He also will deny us:

Romans 8:18

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

As Christ learned “obedience by the things which He suffered,” we too must learn to be “tempted in all points” “yet without sin.” The only way that is possible is through the promise in the following verse.

1Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Psalms 50:15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

The will is our part, the power is His part.

2Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

We must believe in order to receive the power. True belief is acting in faith in the promises of God.

Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

We must press toward the mark as Paul did.

Philippians 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

We may often fall, but we must not become discouraged but believe all things are possible with God. We have a comforter, One who also suffered temptation and is prepared to help us recover should we fall.

1John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

When the righteous fall, they exercise their faith in God and get back up, but the wicked have no faith and stay down, reaping the consequences of sin.

Proverbs 24:16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

The righteous believe in “Him that is able to keep [them] from falling,” and are “persuaded that He is able to keep” that which they commit to Him.

Jude 24 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,

2Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

2Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Therefore dearly beloved,

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Romans 8:19, 20

Romans 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20) For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

We wait in intense anticipation for the salvation of all who desire to be saved. We, being descendants of Adam were made subject to sin not willingly. However, we have hope that, though we inherited a sinful nature, we can be partakers of the divine nature and thus be delivered from the deadly wages of sin.

Romans 8:21

Romans 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Paul teaches that our mortal, corruptible bodies shall be changed into immortal, incorruptible bodies at the resurrection of the righteous when Christ returns.

1Corinthians 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43) It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44) It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45) And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 46) Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47) The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from Heaven. 48) As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49) And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. 50) Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

1Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54) So when

this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

1John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

Romans 8:22, 23

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23) And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

We are saved by hope, and our hope is in the second Adam, the quickening Spirit who promises a new glorified, incorruptible body to those who have partaken of His glorious character.

Romans 8:24, 25

Romans 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25) But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience [endurance] wait for it.

Matthew 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Romans 8:26

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

We can relate to Solomon's humble confession.

1Kings 3:7b ... I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

God, knowing that we are but dust, "not knowing how to go out or come in," has given us His Spirit to intercede for us reassuring us of His continual, everlasting, empowering love, working in us His will and good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God," and if sons of God, we inherit the promises, the covenant made to Israel.

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29) And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Romans 8:27

Romans 8:27 And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:28

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

1Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Romans 8:29

Romans 8:29 For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

God does not predetermine but has foreknowledge of those who will respond to the call, and will allow Him to sanctify them and “be conformed to His image.” This constitutes the “election of grace.”

Matthew 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

1Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Romans 11:5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

Ephesians 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.

Even though God’s will is for all to be saved, we must exercise our free will to be born again and adopted into Christ, the second Adam, and become the sons of God.

Ephesians 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will:

Romans 8:30

Romans 8:30 Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified.

Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

It is in “the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,” that we are justified though the provision has been extended to all.

1Timothy 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

2Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

All have been predestinated for salvation, all have been called, all have been justified, given a provision to be saved, but not all will be saved, for not all will answer the call. Only those who choose salvation and allow Christ to change their characters, will be glorified, first in their character, then bodily.

Romans 8:31

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32) He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Luke 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Romans 8:33, 34

Romans 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34) Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

As stated in the Scripture above, "If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?"

1Peter 3:16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation [behavior] in Christ.

Hebrews 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Romans 8:35

Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Romans 8:36

Romans 8:36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

We are accused and abused for Christ's sake, but we "reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy to *be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Romans 8:37

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

It is "Christ in you, "the hope of glory [a new character]," not by any righteousness which we have, but Christ working in you to fulfill all righteousness in you.

Colossians 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints: 27) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28) Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Just as it was a God thing, a miracle, a mystery, how that Abraham and Sarah gave birth to Isaac, so also is it a mystery to us that we can be changed into the same glory [character] of Christ.

2Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

It is by beholding Christ that we become changed. It's definitely a mystery to us. It takes true belief, true faith in the promises of God that this will take place. We have all been bitten by the serpent, but God tells us to look and live.

Numbers 21:8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. 9) And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

If we desire to be more like Christ, we must look and live. We must pray, believing and we shall have what we ask for.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Romans 8:38

Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

There is only one thing that can separate us from God.

Isaiah 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2) But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.

There is a difference between sin separating us from God, and being separated from the love of God. There is nothing you can do to cause God to love you more, and there is nothing you can do to cause Him to love you less. God is love, and loves the ungodly, and died for us while we were His enemies. True love is unconditional.

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

There is a touching verse in Scripture that comes close to describing the everlasting love of Christ for us.

Zechariah 13:6 And one shall say unto Him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

One of my very favorite songs "The Love of God" contains this verse.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, Would drain the ocean dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.
Oh love of God, How rich and pure,
How measureless and strong,
It shall forever more endure,
The saints and angels song.