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Series: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Sermon: "The Great Eight"

Scripture: Romans 8

Memory Verse: Romans 8:32

#### Introduction

- A. As we approach Easter Sunday, we're turning our eyes upon Jesus.
- B. As a faith family we're studying the significance of the death and resurrection of Christ.
- C. We need to see how all that God has done in Christ affects our lives today and forever.
- D. Last week we studied about the pain of loss and the comfort of God in Job 1. Today we're going to study what the Puritans called "the great eight," Romans 8.
- E. Romans 8 begins and ends with the phrase "in Christ Jesus." It begins with the marvelous words "no condemnation" and ends with the glorious words "no separation."
- F. Martin Luther called it "the masterpiece of the New Testament."
- G. Douglas Moo called it "the inner sanctuary within the Cathedral of the Christian faith; the tree of life in the midst of the Garden of Eden; the highest peak in the range of mountains."
- H. "If the Holy Scripture was a ring, and the Epistle to the Romans its precious stone, chapter 8 would be the sparkling point of the jewel" (Spencer quoted by Frederic Godet).
- I. Romans 8 strengthens our faith as we read, pray, study, and memorize these powerful verses.
- J. In Romans 8 we see the blood-bought promises of God secured for every believer by the Lord Jesus Christ.
- K. Big Idea: We have hope when we embrace the blood-bought promises of God that will one day reverse the curse of sin and swallow up death forever.

#### I. Christian, God Dwells in You (8:1-17)

- A. God saves sinners. (8:1-4)
- B. "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).
- C. "No condemnation"—no eternal judgment or guilty verdict coming down from God.
- D. God sanctifies His children. (8:5-14)
- E. The Holy Spirit is mentioned 15 times in Romans 8. He is the principal operator in your sanctification.
- F. "However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him" (Romans 8:9).
- G. The Holy Spirit empowers you to fight sin in your life.
- H. The Holy Spirit leads you in this life.
- I. The Holy Spirit testifies that you are a child of God. (8:15-17)

#### II. Christian, God Is Working All Things Together for Good for You (8:18-30)

- A. Christians are NOT exempt from suffering in this Genesis 3 world.
- B. God is sovereign over all suffering.
- C. Our sovereign God works ALL things together for good for everyone who is in Christ.
- D. Romans 8:28 is a certain promise. ("And we know")
- E. Romans 8:28 is a Christian promise. ("that for those who love God," "for those who are called according to His purpose")
- F. Romans 8:28 is a comprehensive promise. ("all things")
- G. Romans 8:28 is a comforting promise. ("work together")
- H. Present suffering will lead to future glory.
- I. Christian, God is working all things together for good for you.

### III. Christian, God Is for You (8:31-39)

- A. God is your helper (8:31), provider (8:32), defender (8:33), and mediator (8:34).
- B. "He who indeed did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:32)
- C. "There is nothing standing in the records of eternity against any soul that believes in the Lord Jesus Christ" (Charles Spurgeon).
- D. There is no problem (8:35), persecution (8:35-37), power (8:38-39), or person (8:38-39) that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
- E. Christian, God is for you.

### Conclusion

- A. We all have some things in common. We all experience life, will encounter death, and will exist eternally in either heaven or hell.
- B. "The Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying" (John Flavel).
- C. Unbeliever, call on the name of Christ and be saved. Turn from your sin and trust Christ.
- D. Christian, embrace the blood-bought promises of God that will one day reverse the curse of sin and swallow up death forever.
- E. Gospel Definition