**ROMANS 8**

**Introduction**

 Man is a "triune" being. He is composed of three parts (I Thess. 5:23) - spirit, body, soul. Romans 8 deals with these three and their relationship to the Holy Spirit.

 [NOTE: "Spirit" (with a capital "S") refers to the Holy Spirit, and "spirit" (with a small "s") refers to the human spirit. The Greek text does not tell us which is to be used. Sometimes the word is made to refer to the Holy Spirit when it should not (v. 26) and it is made to refer to the human spirit when the Holy Spirit is intended (v. 4).]

**Vocabulary**

 Verses 1 - 27

Spirit = Holy Spirit, third person of Godhead

flesh = physical body, carnal, sinful, lustful

carnal = fleshly, lustful, sinful

spirit = emotions, mind, human feelings, spiritual

law = rules, regulations, principles of conduct or operation

 Verses 28 - 39

predestinate = to state a foreknowledge

foreknow = to have knowledge in advance of an event

purpose = God's plans, intentions

called = invite, urge, plead

justified = made just, brought up to minimum standards

glorified = made perfect, up to the level of Jesus

**Questions of Philosophy**

1. What is man? soul? body? spirit?

2. What is death?

3. Does anything stay alive through death? what?

4. Can we ever stop loving God?

5. Can God ever stop loving us?

**Romans 8**

(Verse by Verse)

1 Now - present tense no condemnation - conditional walk- multiple choice a] after Spirit b] after flesh

2 Two laws - Spirit of life, Sin and death

3 The law - (of sin and death) weak in the flesh

 God responded by sending His Son - sinful flesh

 Not: Jesus was a sinner.

 But: Jesus was a human, could have sinned

4 The law - (of Spirit of life) righteous, follow Spirit

5 The fleshly - mind things of the flesh

 The spiritual - mind the things of the Spirit

6 Carnal mind = death

 Spiritual mind = life and peace

7 Carnal mind = Enmity

 Not subject to God

 Can not be subject

8 Flesh - can not please God

 Cannot - A. Impossible B. Don't desire to C. Not in their nature

9 Christians - Not in the flesh But in the Spirit

 Spirit - dwells in us

 No dwelling Spirit? = Not a Christian!

10 Christ in you? Yes!

 Dead in flesh because of sin

 Alive in Spirt because of righteousness

11 Same Spirit - Raised Christ from the dead

 Will raise us from the dead

 Dwells in Christ and in us.

12 Debtors - not to the flesh, Owe flesh nothing.

 Don't live after the fleshly nature.

13 Play - "What If ...?

 Live after flesh Die

 Mortify deeds of the body Live

14 Spirit - Leads us "guard, guide and direct"

 Makes us sons of God

15 What do you have?

 Spirit of bondage Fear

 Spirit of adoption "Abba, Father"

16 Two spirits

 A. The Spirit = Holy Spirit

 B. Our spirit = human spirit

 Witness = A. Eye B. Expert C. have knowledge

 With each other - not TO, but WITH

 Children of God

17 Children are heirs OF God

 Joint-heirs WITH Christ

 Heirs of all things - Good and Bad

 Sufferings Glory

18 Compare This present time Will be

 Sufferings Glory

19 Expectation - What do you expect?

 Creature - humanity, people of the earth, creation

 Wait - patience is waiting

20 All creation - animals and man

 Frustrated - not by our choice

 By the will of God - in hope

21 Creation - will be delivered from bondage

 Corruption - death and the decay that follows

 Liberty - in Christ, freedom - not bondage

22 The whole creation - of living things

 Groans - moan, wail, gripe, holler

 Travails - sharp, severe pain

 Until now - still going on

23 Christians also - same as rest of the world

 Groan inside - waiting for the adoption

 Have we been adopted yet?

24 Hope = Desire AND Expectation

 Desire only = Wish

 Expectation only = Dread

 Ends - in sight, Don't hope for what you have.

25 Two requirements:

 1. Hope for what is not seen yet.

 2. Wait patiently for it.

26 The human spirit - has a role in our life

 In pain - we do not WHAT to pray for or HOW to pray

 Our spirit - takes our groans - intercedes for us

 NOTE: This is NOT the Holy Spirit because:

 This spirit cannot express it self in words.

 Holy Spirit can do this. II Tim. 4:1

 NOTE: Who is groaning? Fleshly self

 Who is interceeding? Our spirit

 How does it do it? v. 27

 **QUOTES**: “The “Spirit” of this passage that makes intercession with groans that cannot be uttered is the human spirit.

 The context of the two verses indicates clearly that the groaning is done by the spirit of the one who is praying. The word ‘groanings’ indicates ‘yearning’ - - our own spirit groans with yearning which we cannot utter, which we cannot make vocal, or put into words: For we know not what we should pray for as we ought.”

 The entire context is based on the initial statement: “For we know not what we should pray for as we ought.” The ‘infirmity’ mentioned is the inability of the mind to put into works our yearnings and our own spirit ‘helpeth our infirmities’ by making intercession through the groaning, and Christ who searches the heart knows the mind of the one who is praying - - who know the yearnings and the desires which the spirit of the supplicant is unable to express - - he (Christ, our mediator) bears the intercession of our own spirit to God “because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” There is but one divine Intercessor, one Mediator - - Jesus Christ, not the Holy Spirit.” A Review of the New Versions, Foy E. Wallace, Jr., pages 416-417

 “Now if we exercise this patience in our corporeal sufferings, the spirit helps us sustain these bodily infirmities; for we do not know when oppressed with bodily pains and infirmities, what we should pray for as suitable to our condition. I, Paul, when groaning under these infirmities, have repeatedly prayed to be delivered from some trials, but the Lord did not deliver me as I expected, or as I prayed, but in a way which I did not expect. I say, then, the spirit itself speaks for us to God; it intercedes for our deliverance by groans which cannot be expressed in words. For although our spirit groans under these bodily afflictions and infirmities, and cannot give utterance to its own desires; yet when patiently bearing these trials, its groans have a meaning which is understood.” Millennial Harbinger, Alexander Campbell, Vol. 1, page 111

27 Our spirit - Searches our heart (soul)

 Knows the mind (intellect)

 Makes intercession (see also v. 34)

 According to the will of God

28 **V** ERY

 **I** MPORTANT

 **P** ASSAGE

 We know - understand, have the information

 All things - not some, but ALL

 Work together - two bad things can work together

 Salt = Sodium and Chloride

 Water = Hydrogen and Oxygen

 For Good - REAL ISSUE: WHAT IS GOOD?

 Not: what I like, brings me pleasure

 But: what glorifies God, pleases God

 TEST: Is a raise (promotion) good?

 Is fishing good?

 Is a heart attack good?

 Is cancer good?

 To them - Love God

 Called by His purpose

29 Foreknowledge - to know before - in reference to people

 Predestinate - to know before - in reference to events

 A. Before foundation of world Eph. 1:4-6

 B. Two kinds - 1] Personal 2] Class or group

 Firstborn - two kinds

 A. The first in order of arrival

 B. First in importance and prominance

 Isaac was the "firstborn" of Abraham

30 Called - How? Were you called? Preachers called?

 Justified - pronounce as righteous, aquittal

 Glorified - brought up to standard of Jesus

31 God and a Christian = a majority

 Who could be against us?

32 Think how much God loves us.

 Will he not also take care of us? give us things?

33 Who dares to:

 A. Blame God for our problems?

 B. Charge God with neglect? abandonment?

 Job charged not God foolishly. Neither should we.

34 Would you blame Christ?

 A. He DIED for you.

 B. He was raised from the dead.

 C. He is sitting on the throne of heaven.

 D. He makes intercession for us.

 NOTE: Mediator (I Tim. 2:5) = message carrier

 Intecessor = plead our case, on our side

35 Get the question down first.

 NOT: Will God abandon us? stop loving us?

 BUT: Will we abandon the love God offers us?

 HERE IS A LIST OF POSSIBLE REASONS THAT ONE MIGHT DECIDE TO STOP LOVING GOD!

 Tribulation = a pressure, a pressing, anything that burdens the spirit

 Distress = a necessity imposed by external circumstances, lack of material things

 Persecution = put to flight, drive away, to be pursued

 Famine = hunger, a lack of food supply

 Nakedness = lack of sufficient clothing

 Peril = a risk, a danger, jeopardy

 Sword = short sword, dagger, violence,

 Greek "machaira" = machete, jungle knife

36 Here is a statement from Scripture.

 Do you believe it?

 "We are killed all day long."

 "We are like sheep headed for the slaughter."

37 In all of the things listed above:

 "WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS"

 All a conqueror can do is take over.

 Through Christ we control, own, judge, create, destroy, manage, tear down, re-build

 WHY?

 Not on our own.

 But, because JESUS LOVES ME.

38 Here are some more things to add to the list of v. 35

 Death = spearation of the soul from the body

 Life = Greek "Zoe" and "Bios" (Zoe used here.)

 Bios = alive vs. dead. Biologically alive

 Zoe = lifestyle, manner of life Life includes all the best that God has to offer us.

 Angels = a messenger, one delivering a message

 Principalities = area or territory under rule

 Powers = of things or people with power or might

 Things present = to stand in, to be present

 Things to come = what is to happen is certain, sure

39 Height = barrier, obstacle to overcome

 Depth = contrast with above, water barriers

 Any other creature = any created thing

 I love God. Nothing else matters.

 Nothing can change my relationship to God (except my own decision) to stop loving God.