

/We will now begin the ninth lecture on the Book of Romans./ The passage we will study today is Romans chapter 8./ The title for this chapter is, “Victory.”

/First, living spiritually in Christ./ Second, life with hope./ Verses 18-30./ Third, life in love./ Verses 31-39.

/Romans chapter 8 teaches us about life of faith, love, and hope through the Holy Spirit./ It could be said that this chapter is the peak of the doctrine of sanctification.

/This chapter is the flower of the doctrine of sanctification./ “Sanctification” is to become more like Jesus./ It means that we believers become more holy./ This chapter teaches us that sanctification is possible through the Holy Spirit.

/Romans is an important book in the Bible./ It is like a valuable jewel on a ring./ The important part of a ring is the jewel, and Romans is like the jewel on a ring.

/The most significant section in Romans is chapter 8./ The chapter illustrates the power of the Holy Spirit./ We cannot keep all the laws because of sin.

/Now we can defeat sin and death through the power of the Holy Spirit and through Jesus./ We have been redeemed in Jesus./ John 10:28 says, “I give them eternal life.”

/Our souls will not perish./ John 3:36/ Christianity is faith “in Christ.”

/Read 8:1. / Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

/“Those who are in Christ Jesus” refer to the believers./ It says that there is no condemnation for those who believe in Jesus./ Believers will not be condemned before the court of God.

/We believers have been forgiven of our sins through Jesus./ We have been spiritually united with Jesus Christ./ We died with Jesus and have been raised from the death with Jesus.

/Now we live united with Jesus./ We live with Jesus./ Ephesians 3:12/ We are able to confidently go before God./ 1 John 4:18

/There is no punishment if we are in Jesus./ There is no fear in Jesus./ There is no punishment for sins./ Now, those who are in Jesus are not condemned./ 8:34

/Read verse 2./ because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

/There is “the law of the Spirit of life” in Jesus Christ./ Here the “law” refers to principles./ It refers to power and authority./ The power of the Spirit of life has set us free

from the power of sin and death.

/“The law of the Spirit of life” indicates that Jesus gives us power through the Holy Spirit./ He gives us power of life./ Thus, we defeated sin and death.

/All of humanity were oppressed under the power of death./ Death came through sin./ The wages of sin is death./ Hence, all mankind dies because of sin and goes to hell./ Mankind faces the pain of death./ Psalm 32:3-4

/However, we defeated the power of sin and death through Jesus./ The power of sin and death is frightening./ It is very strong./ Nothing can defeat sin and death.

/Yet, Jesus defeated the power of sin and death./ 1 Corinthians 15:55/ Therefore, we defeated sin and death through Jesus Christ./ There is no death for us ever again.

/Now we do not receive judgment before God./ There is no need for us to go to hell./ We live in Jesus according to the law of the Spirit of life.

/Now we received life./ We received salvation./ We received eternal life./ This is the grace of God.

/Verse 3./ For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man,

/It says, “For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature.”/ This does not mean that the flesh is weak. It means that the law is weak./ It means that the law is powerless in achieving the purpose./ It is too weak to achieving the purpose./ 7:18-19

/Yet, that does not mean that the law is flawed./ It does not mean that the law is bad./ The law is good and beneficial./ Yet, because we humans are evil and greedy, the law is too “weak” to save us.

/The law does not have the power to free us from sin./ This is because we are naturally sinful./ The law is also dim because of its rituals and systems. / The truth is surrounded by rituals.

/For example, the offering of oxen and sheep / as sacrifices at the Passover,/ and the City of Refuge,/ are things that symbolize the atonement of Jesus Christ./ In the Old Testament times, the gospel was hidden in letters and systems.

/The letters and rituals of the law are too weak to save mankind that has grown dark because of sin./ It is too weak to save the completely corrupted mankind./ This is because we humans are evil.

/However, God can./ God can absolutely achieve his purpose./ God can save his people./ God did not attempt to save us through ways of the law.

/God sent his one and only Son to save us./ God sent us Jesus because of our sins./ Mark 10:45/ Hebrews 2:17/ God sent his Son in the form of sinful flesh.

/Only humans can atone for the sins of humans./ Jesus is sinless./ Hebrews 4:15/ The sinless Jesus came to this earth in a human body./ Only humans can atone for the sins of humans.

/Jesus took up our sins to save us./ He came down to this world in human flesh./ He became humble./ Philippians 2:7/ 2 Corinthians 8:9/ Jesus came to take care of our sins.

/It says, “he condemned sin in sinful man.”/ Jesus personally took up our sins for us./ He received condemnation in our place./ The sinless Jesus took up our sins and died on the cross.

/Then we received forgiveness of sins and new life./ In this way, Jesus personally died for us as the Son of God.

/Verse 4./ in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

/It says, “us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.”/ We must not pursue the corrupted nature of the flesh, but pursue the born again spirit./ We must live according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

/If we live according to the Spirit, the requirements of the law will be met./ We meet the requirements of the law by faith in the redemption of the cross of Jesus Christ.

/This is because Jesus received the punishment for us./ He met all the requirements of the law./ Jesus met all the requirements for us./ Jesus fulfilled law.

/Verse 5./ Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

/Those who live according to the sinful nature think about what nature desires./ Yet, those who live according to the Spirit think about what the Spirit desires./ We must not live according to the corrupted nature of the flesh./ We must get rid of the old self.

/We must now live according to the Holy Spirit./ We must think about the matters of the Spirit./ This lasts for eternity./ We waste time if we live according to the sinful nature and chase after sin.

/Verse 6./ The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;

/The mind of the flesh is death./ However, the mind of the Spirit is life and peace./ If a believer lives according to the flesh, the works of the Holy Spirit will stop./ Darkness will come./ The believer will grow far from God./ He will fall into the valley of the shadow of death.

/Yet, if we live according to the Holy Spirit, there is life and peace./ There is life and peace if our spirits live by the Holy Spirit./ Then we will live with guidance from God./ We will grow closer to God./ We will flourish every day with new life./ Eventually, there will be peace and rest.

/Verse 7./ the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so

/The mind governed by the flesh becomes an enemy of God./ This refers to chasing after the corrupted nature of the flesh./ This is flesh-centered life that pursues the sinful nature./ This is how one becomes enemies with God.

/God hates this./ Therefore, we must throw away the sinful mind./ The sinful mind does not submit to the laws of God./ It lives however it wants to live./ It lives in the flesh./ It disobeys the word of God.

/Verse 8./ Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

/Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God./ If one lives in the corrupted sinful nature, he will commit sins./ He cannot fulfill God's will./ Galatians 5:17/ On the other hand, when one lives in the Holy Spirit he will bear many fruit of the Holy Spirit.

/Then he will live according to the word of God./ He will bear fruit of the Holy Spirit./ Galatians 5:22/ Therefore, we must always live a Spirit-centered life./ Then we can please God.

/Verse 9./ You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

/It says, "the Spirit of God lives in you."/ It also says, "the Spirit of Christ" lives in you./ The Spirit of God and the Spirit Christ refer to the Holy Spirit./ We believe in Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

/We are not true believers if the Holy Spirit does not live in us./ The Holy Spirit lives in the hearts of believers./ 1 Corinthians 3:16/ Thus, if the Holy Spirit lives in us, we live according to the Holy Spirit.

/We must live Spirit-centered lives, not flesh-centered lives./ We must live according to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit./ We received the Holy Spirit by believing in Jesus./ We must always live according to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit even after we believe.

/Verse 10./ But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

/If Christ lives in us, our bodies are dead because of sin./ The corrupted nature of the flesh is dead./ Yet, the corrupted nature still remains.

/The spirit lived because of righteousness./ Our born again spirits are alive because of righteousness./ We believed in Jesus and our spirits lived./ This is what it is to be born again./ However, the corrupted nature still remain in our flesh.

/The corrupted nature still remains in our bodies and thus, it is still in sin and death./ John 6:63/ The spirit keeps us alive./ The flesh is useless./ Now we are believers who have been born again through faith in Jesus.

/Now, we must save our bodies, which are still in sin./ The corrupted nature is still in us, and we must always conquer it./ This is the “redemption of our bodies.”/ It is mentioned in 8:23.

/What is the redemption of our bodies?/ The “redemption of our bodies” indicates gradual deliverance of our bodies from sin./ When we believed in Jesus, our spirits were born again./ Our spirits lived when we believed in Jesus.

/However, the corrupted nature is still in our bodies./ We must continue to remove it./ This is called the “redemption of our bodies.”

/Verse 11./ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

/“The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead” is the Holy Spirit./ The Holy Spirit lives in us./ Also, “he who raised Christ from the dead” is the Father God.

/“The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead” is the Holy Spirit./ “He who raised Christ from the dead” is the Father./ Therefore, the Father raises our dying bodies from the dead through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

/This means that the Holy Spirit will deliver our bodies from sin./ Our spirits lived when we were born again./ Our spirits were redeemed./ However, the body still lives in sin.

/The Holy Spirit saves us./ He gradually saves our bodies from sin./ This is redemption of the body.

/This is sanctification./ 2 Corinthians 5:4/ This is to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling./ The Holy Spirit lives in us./ The Holy Spirit gradually saves our bodies from sin.

/Verse 12./ Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation-- but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it.

/We are all debtors./ We must not live in the flesh./ We are in debt to the grace of Jesus./ The Holy Spirit saved us through Jesus.

/Therefore, we have an obligation to do good for Christ./ We are indebted to Jesus for His grace./ Therefore, we must not live according to the flesh./ We must not live according to our greed./ We must live according to God's will.

/We must do good./ We must live according to the Holy Spirit with thanksgiving for God's grace./ We must live according to the Bible./ We must not live according to the flesh./ We must not live according to the corrupted nature of the flesh.

/Verse 13./ For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,

/Our faith will die if we live according to the sinful nature./ Our faith will die if we live according to our corrupted nature./ The work of the Holy Spirit will be cut if we live according to the corrupted nature of the body./ Our faith will fall.

/Now we must kill the works of the flesh./ We must kill the wrongful deeds of the body through the Holy Spirit./ We must conquer the corrupted nature of the flesh by being united with the Holy Spirit.

/We must kill the acts of the flesh./ We must live according to the life of the Spirit./ The works of the Spirit will cease if we live by the flesh./ Our faith will die./ James 2:17/ There will be no fruit./ Yet, it does not mean that the believer will go to hell.

/We have been saved./ We must kill the acts of the flesh every day./ Our born again spirits must receive help from the Holy Spirit and kill the acts of the flesh./ 1 Corinthians 9:27/ Colossians 1:29

/We must always receive inspiration and control of the Holy Spirit./ We must live according to the will of the Lord./ Then we must overcome sin every day./ We must be filled with the Holy Spirit./ We must not be controlled by sin.

/Instead we must be controlled by the Holy Spirit./ How can we defeat sin?/ What must we do to defeat sin?/ First, we must focus on God with our hearts./ Psalm 57:7

/Second, we must meditate on God's word day and night./ Psalm 119:5-6/ Third, we must diligently pray. / 1 Peter 4:7/ 1 John 1:8-10/ Fourth, we must thoroughly repent when we sin./ John 8:1

/Fifth, we must always remember that the Lord died for our sins./ Sixth, we must actively do good./ 1 Peter 4:1/ Genesis 4:7

/We must always give thanks for the redemptive grace of our Lord./ 2 Corinthians 4:10/ 2 Corinthians 5:14/ We must actively do good and live with faith./ When we do so, we can conquer sin./ Then sanctification will begin.

/Verse 14./ because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

/Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God./ Those who are led by the Holy Spirit are sons of God./ 9:4/ Exodus 4:22/ Isaiah 1:2/ Malachi 2:10

/When we receive guidance of the Holy Spirit and obey, we will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature./ Galatians 5:16/ We must become more and more like the image of God./ Then, we will please God./ We will become sons of God./ John 16:13

/Verse 15./ For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

/We did not receive a spirit of slavery that makes us live in fear./ We received the Spirit of sonship./ We are not under the law./ Galatians 4:24-25/ We were slaves to sin and were under law in the past.

/Now, we have been set free from the law./ Now we have received freedom and liberation./ We became God's children through the gospel./ We received the Spirit of sonship./ "The Spirit of sonship" refers to the Holy Spirit./ Galatians 4:6/ 4:7/ Galatians 5:1

/We came to know that we are sons through the Holy Spirit./ The Holy Spirit allowed us to become sons./ Every born again believer has received the Spirit of sonship./ That means that they received the Holy Spirit.

/That is why we call God, "Abba, Father."/ We became children of God./ In Aramaic, "Abba" means father./ Aramaic./Aramaic./ Abba in Aramaic means father.

/There was a military general in Aram./ In that language, Abba means father./ "Father" in Greek also means father./ "Abba" is the instinctive cry of children calling for their parents.

/Children say, "Abba, abba."/ Instinctively, they call their father, abba./ Korean children call father "Appa."/ Japanese children say, "Ppappa."/ American children say, "Papa."

/What about Chinese children?/ Take a guess./ “Bbaba.”/ Chinese people say Bbaba./ The word is almost universal./ Instinctively when we call our father we say, “Abba.”

/We have received the Spirit of sonship./ We received the Holy Spirit./ The Holy Spirit teaches us./ The Holy Spirit allows us to believe in Jesus.

/Verse 16./ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

/Here, “our spirit” is the born again spirit./ The Holy Spirit testifies with our spirits that we are God’s children./ We received the Holy Spirit./ The Holy Spirit lets us call God, “Father.”

/The Holy Spirit teaches us that God is “Father.”/ Those who believe in Jesus call God, “Father.”/ Such believers have already been saved.

/Verse 17./ Now if we are children, then we are heirs-- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

/We are all adopted./ Jesus is the one and only Son of God./ We are all adopted children./ We are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ./ “Heir” indicates that we will be given an inheritance.

/We are all sons of God./ Even women are God’s sons./ We became heirs who will continue the inheritance of God’s kingdom./ We have become co-heirs with the one and only Son Jesus.

/We have become heirs to continue God’s inheritance./ We will receive eternal glory./ The inheritance of heaven does not rot or rust./ It is given to believers.

/However, God gave a condition to believers./ We must share in his sufferings./ We must be qualified to receive the inheritance of heaven./ It is not freely given.

/We must receive sufferings./ We must be trained./ Romans 5:3-4/ James 1:2-4/ Faith grows through sufferings and tribulations./ Character and ability are formed./ Jesus received power and glory through the sufferings of the cross./ Matthew 28:18

/God gives us both grace and sufferings./ Philippians 1:29./ We are co-heirs with Christ./ We must participate in Christ’s suffering./ Then we will participate in Christ’s glory.

/We must resemble the image of Christ./ We must grow./ Then our glory will increase./ Philippians 3:10/ 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12/ If we share in the sufferings of Jesus, we share in the glory of Jesus./ Revelations 1:9/ Luke 19:11

/We must qualify ourselves to become God’s children./ We must be formed in the midst of suffering.



/Verse 18./ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

/The present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us./ Verses 18-30 speak about the life of hope of a believer./ We must continue to run this race of faith in the midst of present sufferings./ 1 Corinthians 9:26-27

/We may think that the present sufferings are great./ Why do these sufferings continue?/ Why are they so burdensome?

/However, the glory that will be given to us in heaven will be great./ 2 Corinthians 4:17/4:17/ The glory we will receive is an eternal glory./ Sufferings in this world are temporary.

/However, the glory we will receive is eternal./ Even if one becomes president in this world, he will not remain in the position for a long period of time./ Yet, the glory we will receive in heaven will be eternal glory.

/The present sufferings are worth nothing compared to the glory we will receive./ Present sufferings are temporary./ Therefore, we must persevere through our present sufferings even though it may be difficult.

/Verse 19./ The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

/The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed./ Here, the creation refers to nature./ What does nature expect?

/Even nature wishes to be used for the purpose of its creation./ It wants to glorify God./ Therefore, it always waits in eager expectation.

/It is as if one eagerly waits for a person who traveled far away./ “Sons of God” refer to believers./ Nature expects believers to be revealed.

/The creation wishes to be used by God./ All of creation wishes to be used by us believers./ The creation will glorify God through believers.

/There is a pastor named Choi, Kwon-Neung./ He was invited to have a meal with one of the church members and was treated with a chicken dish./ Pastor Choi said, “Blessed is this chicken, for it is eaten by God’s servant.”

/This meant that the chicken was blessed for being used by God’s servant./ This is because the pastor gained strength to testify to the gospel by eating the chicken./ Like this, anything that is used for works of faith is blessed.

/With this we will conclude the ninth lecture on the Book of Romans./ Thank you.