Lesson 10 Romans 8:18-39

Freedom and Fulfillment

1. How can our "eager expectations" (vs. 19) help us cope with our present problems and sufferings?

19 For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God;

2. How can the Spirit's help also encourage us (vs. 26-27)?

26 In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

27 And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God’s will.

3. Read Romans 8:28-39. Describe the mood of these verses.

28 We know that all things work for good for those who love God,\* who are called according to his purpose.

29 For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

30And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

32 He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

33 Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? It is God who acquits us.

34 Who will condemn? It is Christ [Jesus] who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

35 What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

36 As it is written: “For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things,\* nor future things, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth,\* nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

4. In verse 28, Paul speaks of "the good" and "his purpose". What is God's good purpose for us (vs. 29)?

5. Challenge Question: How do the words foreknew, predestined, called, justified and glorified help us understand how God accomplishes His purpose for us?

6. Paul asks: "What then shall we say in response to this"? (vs. 31). How are you encouraged by Paul's answer (vs. 31-32)?

7. A. What are the five questions and their answers in vs. 31-35?

B. What is Paul's point in raising them?

8. How might trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, danger or the threat of death cause us to question God's love for us (vs. 35-38)?

9. In spite of these things, why does Paul say we are "more than conquerors"? (vs. 37-39)?

10. Of the enemies mentioned in verses 38-39, which one is the most real to you?