

Transcription – Bible Study – Romans – Chapter 8

Alrighty. We are up to Romans the 8th chapter, one of my favorite chapters of the Bible.

I almost say Romans 8 is like a Bible within a Bible, so much that's in here. But the interesting part is when you look at Romans 7, which we were going over last week, it's so contrary, different to Romans 8. Normally you're either studying Romans 7, about how evil man is and how double-minded he is and he's going to do this and he's going to do that and who's going to save me from this and that. And then you get into Romans 8 where you see that the spiritual ones or the children of YAHWEH and all these things and they almost seem like, wow, how can they be next to each other? But actually if you read them together they make total sense.

Just like we were saying last week in the beginning of the book, we clearly see what the problem is to the Roman brethren. They are a solid congregation, Paul is upholding them. There is some problems of self-righteousness that are involved with the congregation and he's trying to show them from Romans, the end of chapter 1 and then Romans 2, how evil all human beings are, human nature. That human nature, all human beings have failed and that gets into the big topic that he's going into in chapter 3 and chapter 4 and chapter 5, the justification of YAHWEH.

Like I said, remember as Paul is writing this in 57/58 AD, the temple is still standing, people are still believers, still going to the temple. They're still doing sacrifices. Now they're picturing that sacrifice with Yahshua, that this is a shadow. Yahshua came to die because of this, but they're not understanding that it's not necessary anymore. They're not understanding it at that point. So they're still doing the rituals of it. We even see Paul in Acts 21 doing the same thing.

So, this is what he's trying to show them. He's trying to show them in chapter 2, 3, 4 and 5 that nothing you can do on your own, killing an animal, doing some kind of mikvah, doing some kind of ceremony that's involved with it, is not going to make your right. It's not going to justify you before YAHWEH, that only the blood of Yahshua can. Great chapters, we already went over them. I'm not going to rehash it. But just to see where we are here.

And then, though he gets into chapter 6, which we went over a couple of weeks ago, of sanctification, held that the fact that we can only have our sins acquitted by the blood of Messiah, it doesn't take away our personal responsibility. That we still have a responsibility to uphold the Torah. And at the end of chapter 6 [verse 23], *the wages of sin are death but the gift of YAHWEH is everlasting life in Yahshua Messiah*.

So, that leads into chapter 7. So, now chapter 6 is talking about accountability. To that justification or our sanctification is the accountability. And then interesting enough, he gets into verse 2 of chapter 7:

Romans 7:2-3a *Just as the married woman is bound by the Torah to the living husband; but if the husband dies, she is set free from the Law of her husband. So then, if the husband is living, she will be called an adulteress if she should be married to another man.*

We went into that the last time and then he gets into how good the Torah is, but how bad we are. That it's basically... it's impossible. How on earth can we keep this Torah? And really when you're looking at it from chapter 7, he's dealing with this from a standpoint of an unbeliever. He's not saying it's a believer. This is the way a believer is double-minded, you know, this way. But for an unbeliever, because even for the fact that he says:

Romans 7:14 *For we know that the Torah is spiritual, but I am fleshly, having been sold under sin.*

Well, how can he be sold under sin if Messiah paid the penalty of the sin? He has the Holy Spirit. So, he's talking about the non-believing person. He's saying when you're non-believing, ***for I do not know what to do and I do not do the thing I want to do, but the thing I want to do, I don't do***. So he's showing without the Holy Spirit, you can have the best intention of the world, getting back to their self-righteousness, you're never going to achieve it. It's impossible without the Spirit of YAHWEH. And that's what we're going to see in chapter 8.

He's telling us how to get the Spirit of YAHWEH and the change that it leads to. So, as he goes into this whole mantra, "Oh, I don't know what to do, and then how do I do it", and then he's looking like he could be schizophrenic at the time. He's just basically going into, his normal, rabbinical kind of teaching, back and forth. And then at the end, he sums it up in verse 23.

Romans 7:23-25 *But I see another law in my members having warred against the law of my mind, and taking me captive by the law of sin being in my members ... So he's basically saying our human nature is the law of sin. That without the Spirit of YAHWEH, no matter how good you think you are, you're not going to achieve what you think you want to do. And then ... O, wretched man, who will deliver me from this mortal body? ... So again, he's showing it's a non-believer. That he's speaking from the standpoint of a non-believer ... Who will save him from this mortal body? I thank YAHWEH through Yahshua Messiah our Master! So then I myself with the mind truly served the Torah of Elohim but with the flesh the law of sin.*

So now again, it's kind of like an odd way to end, but it really didn't end. Because like we said, chapter 8 is just a man sticking that in there when Paul is writing it, it continues. And now he's going to explain what he means by this. So now, we're going to continue. Chapter 7 and chapter 8, it's the same. There's no ending or beginning. He says, therefore, there is now, now that he thanks YAHWEH through Yahshua Messiah, that's the One that's going to deliver him.

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to those in Yahshua Messiah ... The Christian world always stops there. Don't get down me man, there's no condemnation. But look what he says ... who do not walk according to flesh, but according to Spirit.*

So now, what we're going to understand in this chapter is, where this torture is coming from, is that he doesn't know how without the Holy Spirit, how does the human mind put into practice these good things he wants to do and not the bad things. And now he's going to explain.

The only way to do it is through the Spirit of YAHWEH. That's the miracle. That's the mystery. That's the wonderful thing that we have today that they didn't have 2,000 years ago before Yahshua came, before the day of Shavuot. They have the Torah and that's why he says *the Torah is holy, just and good* in verse 12 of chapter 7. But I'm a sinner, so to understand, verse 14:

Romans 7:14 *For we know that the Torah is spiritual, but I am fleshly*

So, this is all pre-Holy Spirit. This is the torture people go through. And we all know it, because we all came from there. We all came from a life that is exactly what he's talking about. That we all had good desires in our hearts, but how did we enact those desires without the Spirit of YAHWEH? We couldn't enact those desires. And then all of a sudden then we'd always be there, "Oh, why would I have to do this?" Why, I really wanted to do good, but I didn't know how.

And then all of a sudden what happens? The Spirit of YAHWEH comes. And now the Spirit of YAHWEH can change us. The Spirit of YAHWEH literally ... I've seen people that had smoking addictions for 40 years. And they said ... You know something? Because I wouldn't baptize them until they stop smoking, because they're living in a sin, they're living in an addiction. And they said, "I've tried everything. I've tried the patch, I've tried this, I've tried that." Then I said, "Well, did you ever try leaving it to YAHWEH?" "No, never tried that." "Well, let's do it. Let's pray and let's leave it to YAHWEH." Boom, the sin goes. After 40 years of something that they were never able to get over with.

So, this is what the point of it is now. And now we're going to see the whole point of chapter 7, which is a mystery to most theologians, because they don't understand the whole point of the new covenant, is that yes, we can change. And yes, the Holy Spirit literally can take this human nature that's evil, that he's talking about, and transform us, but you've got to surrender to it. That's the point they don't want to get into, is the surrender. So, there is no condemnation to those walking according to... not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit.

Romans 8:2 *For the Law of the Spirit of life ... Remember, we just said there's the law of the Torah and then the law of sin and death. So ... the Law of the Spirit of life which is in Yahshua Messiah set me free from the law of sin and of death.*

We just read about it in verse 23 of chapter 7. So, now he's showing how the Spirit of YAHWEH set him free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:3 *For the Torah being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh*

What does he mean by that? Very simple. The Torah can tell us right from wrong, but it can't make you do right. So, it's the same way, you can go up to someone and you can show them in the Torah where... adultery, you get stoned to death

or you shall not murder. Great. It tells me right from wrong, but there's nothing in the Torah that can change my heart. It can't convict me. So, that's what he says here:

Romans 8:3 *For the Torah being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, Elohim sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous demand of the Torah might be fulfilled in us, those not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit.*

Wow. How can anybody say Paul is ever saying the Torah is done away with? He's saying the complete opposite. He's saying, where the failure of the Torah is, yes, it's holy, just and good and perfect, but it can't change my heart. It can't convict me. Where now, the Holy Spirit can convict me and enact Torah and not just enact it in the letter, but enacted in the spirit. And now literally the Spirit of YAHWEH is His mind, is His thought pattern, the Holy Spirit can convict you to live out the *righteous demand of the Torah*.

Romans 8:4-5 *so that the righteous demand of the Torah might be fulfilled in us, those not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit. For the ones that are according to flesh mind the things of the flesh. And the ones according to Spirit mind the things of the Spirit.*

So, what did we just see in chapter 7? What is the two laws? The law of the Torah of YAHWEH and the law of sin and death. The law of the Torah of YAHWEH leads to the righteousness of it and the ones that live according to the Spirit, but the ones that live according to the flesh, the law of sin and death, *mind the things of the flesh*.

So, it's real simple that Paul is clearly saying we have to uphold the Torah here. Let me read *Galatians 5* and just show what laws he's talking about, but he's saying *for the ones who are according to flesh, mind the things of the flesh, and the ones according to the spirit, the things of the Spirit*. *Galatians 5* in verse 16, he says:

Galatians 5:16-17 *But I say, if you walk in the Spirit, the lust of the flesh will not overtake you. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh ... exactly what he was saying here in Romans 7 ... and these are opposed to one another; so you are not able to do as you desire ... Isn't that exactly what Paul was saying?*

Galatians 5:18-21 *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the penalty the Torah. Now the works of the flesh are clearly revealed: adultery, impurity, uncleanness, lustfulness, idolatry, witchcraft, enmity, fighting, jealousies, anger, rivalries, stubbornness, divisions, heresies, envies ... must have a lot of envy going on ... murders, drunkenness, reveling, and things like these; of which I tell you beforehand, as I also said before, that the ones practicing such things will not inherit the kingdom of Elohim.*

Galatians 5:22-25 *But the fruit of the Spirit ... The other Spirit, Spirit of the Torah ... is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control. Against such things there is no instruction. But the ones belonging to Messiah crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. Let us therefore live by the Spirit, and surrender to the Spirit.*

So it is very clearly. Without that surrender, this is not going to happen. This is why I say, half the people that get baptized, they simply get wet. They think there is some kind of miracle cure, they think they are going under that water and all of a sudden there is going to be all this change and they don't realize, "No, we have free will." YAHWEH gives us free will. But what the Holy Spirit does is, the Holy Spirit gives us the power to overcome ourself, not overcome our husband and wife or our father or our teacher or our boss, but overcome ourself. That's what the fight is against. It is against ourself.

And like I said, human nature is so prideful and so selfish and so evil. It doesn't want to submit to anybody, including YAHWEH. And that's why I say, when people come and say, "I'll never follow a man" and we're all evil, you know what they're saying? They're saying they won't follow YAHWEH. There's no fear of YAHWEH before their eyes, because there's nobody that has the fear of YAHWEH that would ever talk to his leadership like that. The only people we see examples of in the Bibles, when you see people that ... Korah coming against Moses and these other things [Num 16:1-35].

So like he says, there's no fear of YAHWEH to this. And this is something we have to **choose. You have to choose it.** And the only way the Holy Spirit is going to work in you is, if you realize the battle is against yourself, like they always say, point the finger, you've got three coming back. I saw the enemy and the enemy is me. That's what my battle is against. My battle is against me and your battle is against you.

But if you can do this like he's saying, if you can understand it, there's something that is living inside of us that is as real as you can get and this power in us can bring all the happiness that everybody wants. **It can change you. It can destroy anger and anything else that might be troubling you.** And *the righteous demand of the Torah will be fulfilled.* [Rom 8:4]

And that's why Paul says, when that happens, where's the boasting? It's not us doing it. It's His Spirit that's living in us. The only thing we did was, move aside to let it work. We moved aside to let that Spirit work. And if we don't do that, woe to us? Because all we're doing is bringing trouble on ourself and other people with us. So, this is what he's talking about. So, it makes total sense, chapter 7, when we really see what he's talking about. Now he's talking about the power of the Holy Spirit and what that does for us. Verse 6:

Romans 8:6-7a *To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace; because the mind of the flesh is enmity ... It's hatred ... towards Elohim*

It's not toward people. Like I said, it's my parents. It's my brother. It's my wife. It's my husband. It's my boss. It's this. No, it's not anybody but the person.

Romans 8:7-9a *because the mind of the flesh is hatred towards Elohim; for it is not subject to the Torah of Elohim, for it is not possible to be so. And those being in the flesh are not able to please Elohim. But you are not in flesh, but in the Spirit, since the Spirit of YAHWEH dwells in you.*

So, here it is. Remember, in the end of chapter 7, there's the law of the Torah and there's the law of sin and death. And one is fighting against another. Then Paul is saying, woe to me, who's going to save me? Now we know Who's going to save us. I know, Yahshua by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:9 *you are not in flesh, but in Spirit, since the Spirit of YAHWEH dwells in you. But if anyone has not the Spirit of Messiah, this one does not belong to Him.*

So, one of the things that we just read here, the fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, patience. And I say, if somebody is a believer for 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, and you have no fruit of the Spirit, you better start asking some questions. Because there's no way the Spirit of YAHWEH is living in you if that's the case. The spirit of YAHWEH is not dormant and it's not dead.

And like I say, everybody that comes to the school, they may not know their spiritual gifts the day they get in here. They certainly know it the day they're leaving, because everybody has to have a gift. Now whether they'll use that gift to the glory of YAHWEH, I don't know. That's up to each person to decide. But you can't have the Spirit of YAHWEH in you without a gift, because it's the same Spirit. The same Spirit in me is in you, is in you, is in you. It's the same Spirit in all of us. Now it won't be the same gift in all of us, because the Holy Spirit has many gifts. But there has to be that fruit of the Spirit in each of our lives. Where we really need to start questioning.

Romans 8:9b-10 *But if anyone has not the Spirit of Messiah, this one does not belong to Him ... And that's what I say, have they've been properly baptized? Have they had hands laid on them by an elder of YAHWEH? Like it says in Acts 2 ... But if Messiah is in you, the body indeed is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

So that Spirit in us, is going to fight. It's almost like if you had ... think of having some kind of really bad flu or something. And now you're getting injection of the antidote, of the penicillin. And it doesn't all happen at once, right? You start taking the penicillin, maybe after one day or two days, now you start feeling better. And every day you feel better, why? Because that medicine is destroying that terrible whatever in your body. Until seven days, you're gone, you're done with the medicine and now you're completely healed.

It's the same way you with Holy Spirit. When people come out of that water, I try to tell them, you're still 99% carnal, 1% spiritual. But as much as you yield to that Spirit, is as high as you're going to grow in the kingdom of YAHWEH. So...

Romans 8:10-11 *Messiah is in you, the body indeed is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of the One having raised Yahshua from the dead dwells in you, the One having raised the Messiah from the dead will also make your mortal bodies live through the indwelling of His Spirit in you. ... first-fruits.*

So, very clear. To be a first-fruit, you must have the Spirit of YAHWEH in you. To have the Spirit of YAHWEH in you, you have to be baptized. *Acts 2:37*. And have the laying on the hands. I've had people vehemently tell me in the past sometimes, I meet them for the first time and they say, "I know what you preach on baptism, but I know I received the Holy Spirit at 10 years old in the Pentecostal church." And I'll say, "How do you know?" "I know it. I know the experience I have. I know what I felt. I know what I did." And I say, "Well, let me ask you one simple question. I don't doubt that YAHWEH is working with you. You wouldn't be here talking to me if He wasn't. I don't doubt the Holy Spirit may be **leading** you. But **how do you know if the Holy Spirit is leading you or the Holy Spirit is in you?** How do you know?"

And you know the honest answer is, you can't know. You can't know, because we're not spirits, we're human beings. So the only way you can know for sure that the Holy Spirit is in you and not just leading you, is to do what the Bible says to get it. You repent of your sins, you go under the water and the baptism ceremony, you have laying on a hand by an elder of YAHWEH. That's the way. Now I know for sure.

And when someone asks me, how do I know the Holy Spirit is in me, I can tell them I did exactly what YAHWEH said to do to get His Holy Spirit. And now, 30 years later, I can show the fruit of that in my life. Now even if I went under the water and even if I had to laying on of hands, if I'm 32 years in the faith and I don't have any kind of testimony of how the Holy Spirit has worked in my life, then I really better start questioning. Maybe even re-baptize, if that's the case. But there has to be fruit. There has to be those fruits of the Spirit working in your life or you have to start...

And this is why Passover is so important, because Passover forces us every year to look deep in ourself and say, "Am I growing in the Holy Spirit? Am I growing more this year than last year? And am I growing more this year than the year before?" And we really... you can't take that Passover without examining yourself. And every year we should see the growth in our life.

And if we don't and we're going backwards and we're more unhappy and we have more plagues in our life, we have to start asking what is going on here? Is the Holy Spirit working in my life or isn't it? Because right here, this is so important. This is what makes you a first-fruit.

Romans 8:11 *But if the Spirit of the One having raised Yahshua from the dead **dwells in you** ... Not leading you, but dwells in you ... the One having raised the Messiah from the dead will also make your mortal bodies live through the indwelling of His Spirit in you.*

First-fruit, first resurrection. Matter of fact, let's read it in *Revelation 20*. And I don't doubt that some of those nice people that think they received the Holy Spirit in the Pentecostal Church, at 10 years old, that they might be in the Kingdom. That's not for me to decide. But I tell them, you know what? At the end of the day, this could be the decision of being the first-fruit of YAHWEH or being in the second resurrection.

Because to me, I'm a very logical person... And all you're talking is baptism. You're talking about surrendering to YAHWEH. And all I know is, every time I surrender to YAHWEH and every time I try to fill His will, I'm only going to be blessed.

So it doesn't say give up your first male child. It doesn't say chop off your arm. It says, go into the water and make a commitment to Me again. So somebody that vehemently wouldn't want to do that and wouldn't want to submit to YAHWEH's elders, to have a laying on their hands, I'd really have to question, their motivation, their state of mind. Never try to force it, because it's up to YAHWEH. No man can come to Me unless the Father draws him [*Joh 6:44*].

So, not in a million years would I ever try to even convince one person to be baptized, because I know if they're not being called by YAHWEH, they're only getting wet. And they need to want it. They need to want it. They need to understand it and they need to repent. But if they do, if you are a first-fruit, *Revelation 20 in verse 4*:

Revelations 20:4-6 *And I saw thrones, and they sat on them. And judgment was given to them, and the souls of the ones having been beheaded because of the witness of Yahshua ... That scripture takes a lot more eye-opening today when we see what's going on in Iraq and these places ... because of the witness of Yahshua, and because of the Word of YAHWEH, and who had not worshiped the beast nor its image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand. And they lived and reigned with Messiah a thousand years. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one*

having part in the first resurrection. The second death has no authority over these, but they will be priests of YAHWEH and of His Messiah, and will reign with Him a thousand years.

And then when the 1000 years are over, the second resurrection comes. So like I said, this is a personal thing and only YAHWEH knows. People ask me something, "Do you think I have the Holy Spirit?" It's not up to me. I don't say if something, who am I? All I can do is tell you the biblical mandate on what you have to do to receive it. And then you have to pray to YAHWEH and you have to decide for yourself. So back to *Romans 6* [should be 8], but it is the difference of being a first-fruit or being in the second resurrection. First of all, it says:

Romans 8:12-13 *So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to flesh, for if you live according to flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.*

Exactly what we read in *Romans 7*. Remember, *Romans 7* in verse 14:

Romans 7:14-15 *for I know the Torah is spiritual, but I'm fleshly, sold unto the sin. And I do not do what I want to do, but I want to do what I don't want to do, but I do what I don't want to do.*

And that's why he's going into that, because now he say:

Romans 8:13 *if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.*

That's what the Holy Spirit gives us. It gives us the power to overcome.

Romans 8:14-17 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, these are the sons of Elohim. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship by which we cry, Abba! Father! ... Daddy ... The Spirit itself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of YAHWEH. And if children, then heirs; truly heirs of Elohim, and joint heirs of Messiah, if indeed we suffer together, that we may also be glorified together*

Wow! So, now it's not just a matter of being a first-fruit, it's not just a king and a priest, but this is literally what makes you a child of YAHWEH. It's what puts you into His family. *Galatians 4*. It says:

Galatians 4:1-2 *But I say, over a long period of time the heir is a child, and does not differ from a slave, even though he is master of all of them. However, he is under guardians and stewards of the house, until the time which his father has set.*

So, he's saying, even when you're a king... look at Harry and William in England, when they were children, even though they were set to be kings, they were not treated like kings. They go to school, they go to the army, they work. So, he's saying here for as long as a period of time, when he's a child, he's no different really from a slave, because the father is trying to train him in righteousness. And he's under guardians, the same way we are today.

Galatians 4:3-7 *So we also, when we were young, we were under the elements of the world, being enslaved. But when the fullness of the time came, Elohim sent forth His Son, having come into being out of a woman, being subject to the Torah, that He might redeem the ones under (the penalty of breaking) the Torah, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, YAHWEH sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba! Our Father! So that you no more are a slave, but a son, and if a son, also an heir of YAHWEH through Messiah.*

So, one of the most amazing things that you almost can't grasp, what YAHWEH is offering us, and then He says after this, an understatement of the world, verse 18:

Romans 8:18 *For I calculate that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to compare to the coming glory to be revealed in us.*

So here it is, to know that you're going to inherit the universe, be it co-heirs with Messiah, and what are we going to say? My back hurts, I lost my job. I mean, what suffering can we go through, not to diminish, because there are some really, really bad sufferings that people go through. But there's nothing, like he says, I calculate there's **nothing** of the suffering we can go through this time that can **equal** the glory that YAHWEH is trying to give us.

Romans 8:19 *For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of Elohim.*

That literally creation is waiting for us to manifest ourselves, for us to allow the Holy Spirit to kill this flesh. That's all it's waiting for, for us to prepare and get ready so YAHWEH can bring His Kingdom.

Romans 8:20-21 *For the creation was not willingly subjected to vanity, but through Him subjecting it, on hope; that also the creation will be freed from the slavery of corruption to the freedom of the glory of the children of Elohim.*

Look at what they're doing to the rainforest, look at what they're doing to the atmosphere. Look at how mankind is destroying everything in his path. And like it says, even creation. We think of that every time we see a dead deer or a dog, on the road, we see them all mangled up and we think, "Man, here's this poor animal that's just doing what he was created to do 6,000 years ago. He's just instinctively running and he didn't know that mankind was going to put asphalt on the roads and make metal go 100 miles an hour and start killing him."

And that's why the creation is saying, "YAHWEH, how long is it going to be? Bring it back to the way it was in the Garden of Eden." And that's why everything we see in the end-time, behind us is a burned wilderness, before us in the Garden of Eden. That even the creation wants to be freed from the slavery of the corruption of mankind's human nature.

Romans 8:22-23 *For we know that all the creation groans together and labors in pain together until now. And not only so, but also we ourselves having the first-fruit of the Spirit ... Like we said, first-fruits is if YAHWEH's Spirit is in you now and you're a child of His ... also we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly expecting that sonship, the deliverance from our body*

And this is the joke, you know. That's... why people are trying to preserve their body? Even when they die. They make them up. Why would you put make-up on a corpse? Does that make any sense? That people want to... There was a woman who just died recently, she was a comedian. They said she had 279 plastic surgeries. Can you imagine? What are they trying to preserve?

YAHWEH's Word says we die to the flesh daily. And people are trying to preserve it. That's why like I said, we make-up. You know, you're looking what the Bible says. What are you trying to preserve by make-up? It's vanity. It's the flesh. YAHWEH's saying die to it. Let it go.

Here it is. This is our hope, it's not in the flesh. *Eagerly expecting that sonship, the deliverance from our body.* That's what we're waiting for. We're waiting to be delivered from this body. Not just physically, a body that decays every day. And as you get older, your back hurts more, your legs hurt more, you can do less. But a body that we see here, that's filled with human nature, that's corrupted, that's against YAHWEH, that we have to fight this human nature with our Holy Spirit every day of our life. And sorry to be that so many people don't fight it. They surrender to it. You know, they bow down to the spirits of anger and lust, and whatever else, that it's doing. *2nd Corinthians 5:5.* Says...

2nd Corinthians 5:5 *Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is Elohim, who also has given to us the down payment of His Spirit.*

So again, we have a down payment of the Spirit of YAHWEH. It's just like when you would buy a piece of property and the property could cost \$10,000 and you say to the owner, I'll give you \$1,000 now and in 30 days I'll buy the property. I'll bring you the other nine. YAHWEH has given us an earnest or a down payment of the Spirit, which proves the Holy Spirit couldn't be a person. How can you get a down payment of a person? Do we have a pinky hanging over us or whatever? No, it's His power.

YAHWEH hasn't given us... He hasn't manifested His full power in us, because we can't handle it right now while we're in these human bodies. And yet that little bit of power that we have, that little bit of power that's changing our life and making us more like Him, it should make us groan every day of our life, to want to shed these bodies and get the rest of that power to be exactly like Him. Not like this. Why are we holding on to this? Why are we holding on to the flesh? It should be something that we're dying to every day and that's what he's saying here.

Romans 8:23-24 *And not only so, but also we ourselves having the first-fruit of the Spirit ... the down payment ... also we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly expecting that sonship ... that daddy-son, daddy-daughter time ... the*

deliverance from our body; for we were saved by hope, but hope being seen is not hope; for what anyone sees, why does he also hope?

And like I said at the Aramaic, the word for 'Good News', Separtha, is hope. That's what it literally is. That is the Good News. And it's not hope like, "Oh, I hope it happens." But it's a blessed assurance. It's a blessed assurance of knowing.

Romans 8:25 *But if we hope from what we do not see, through patience we eagerly await.*

So, it's a blessed assurance. It's the Good News because it's for sure. It's not maybe it will, maybe it won't. It's we know it will happen. And we patiently endure as we grow and get ready for that.

Romans 8:26 *And likewise the Spirit also joins in to help our weaknesses ... Praise YAHWEH for that ... we do not know what is right and proper for us to pray, but the Spirit intercedes on our behalf with that earnestness that cannot be described*

Some people misinterpret this Scripture to think that's when they fall on the floor and say, "Ta-ta-ta-ta", that that's what the Scripture is saying, it has nothing to do with that. This has happened to me a hundred times over. You have no idea. There's sometimes when I go to foreign countries that the whole congregation wants me to pray for them. And I'm coming from the headquarters. I'm coming from Israel. I'm coming from Jerusalem. The last thing I would do is ever turn somebody down to pray.

And believe me, there's times I'm dead tired. I haven't slept in days. It's late in the day and there's a line of about 40 people that want prayer. But I'll pray for every one of them. I don't know these people. I don't know what to pray for them. So all I do is just close my eyes and I say, "Father, what is who you need?" And the next thing I know words are coming out.

There's people that I prayed for that their wombs were closed. And by my prayer it was opened. They told me months later, you wouldn't believe it. I couldn't get pregnant. And you prayed for me, I got pregnant. People that had AIDS... there was a fellow when we were in Uganda that they could not even bring to the meeting. He was on his death bed and I prayed for this man. And within two days he was better and healed.

But it's not me, that's what I'm saying. It's the Holy Spirit interceding, because a lot of times we don't know what to pray for. When I baptize somebody... so many times somebody says, "Do you remember when you baptized me, what you said?" It's like. "No, I baptized about 1,500 people in the last 10 years. I don't remember what prayer I say over each person." A lot of them I don't know that well.

But YAHWEH knows. And he'll say a prayer and he says it. So this is what it's talking about. That when we're praying for people and we don't know what to pray for, don't worry about it. Just like he says, when you come before a king and you have to give your defence, don't think in your mind. You have to say this, just pray to the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit will put the words. [Mat 10:18-20; Luk 21:14-15] So, whether it's prayer or whether it's giving a defence before a governor or a king, it's the same thing. We need to surrender to the Holy Spirit and allow it to work in our life.

Romans 8:28 *But we know that to the ones loving Elohim all things work together for good, to those being called according to purpose*

One of the top scriptures that is quoted everywhere in the world, I love it, a great scripture. That word 'purpose', literally means 'the table of show bread'. It's really interesting that it's kind of hidden here, that *we know that the ones loving Elohim, all things work together for good, those being called according to the 12 tribes.*

We talked a little bit about this. I remember a month or two ago, about predestination. You know, is there predestination? And it's yes and no. There's predestination, the plan of YAHWEH is predestined. There's not predestination in our actions, we have free will and YAHWEH gives us the opportunity. Now granted, YAHWEH can put situations in front of people, like with Pharaoh, where they will do what He knows they'll do by knowing their human nature. But YAHWEH never forces anybody to do anything, good or bad.

And that's why when people say, when they get the false tongues and I asked them, what would happen? "Well, the Holy Spirit came on me and I just fell over and I don't remember anything and I started barking like a dog." I said, "That

can't be the Holy Spirit, because YAHWEH's Spirit guides and gently leads. It doesn't force you. Satan's spirit forces and possesses." And even that, it does it by trickery. He tricks us into giving him the authority to do it. That's why you say, do you have anger? Do you have lust? Do you have anything else that belongs to Satan? Get rid of it. Because if not, you're giving him authority to come into your life and to come for what's his, we need to let it go.

So, all things work together for good, to those called according to purpose, meaningly, YAHWEH has predestination as far as He predestined the world to be saved through Yahshua Messiah, the Lamb of YAH, slain from the foundation of the world [Rev 13:8]. He predestined that the Messiah would be born through the lineage of Adam, through Noah, through Abraham, through Isaac, through Jacob [Luk 3:34-38]. But He doesn't predestinate what we do. He doesn't predestinate our actions. We have free will. And even if we make the wrong action, YAHWEH is the master of laws of odds and probability, that He can change 10,000 things in a second to make sure He gets us back to the track He wants us to be.

Romans 8:29 *And He knew them in advance; and He sealed them with the likeness of the image of His Son; that He might be the first-born of many brothers*

First John 3 says:

1st John 3:1-3 *See what manner of love the Father has given us, that we may be called sons of YAHWEH, who made us. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are the sons ... or children ... of YAHWEH, and it was not yet revealed what we shall be. But we know that if He is revealed, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone having this hope on Him purifies himself even as that One is pure.*

So, we don't know exactly what we'll be like. None of us have ever been a hundred percent glorified spirit before. But we know we'll be like Him, for we'll *see Him as He is*. That's why when He comes in the glory of those clouds and His feet are coming on the Mount of Olives, we're going to shed these earthly bodies [1Cor 15:52] and we'll meet Him in the air [1Thes 4:17] and we'll be like Him. *Verse 30 of Romans 8:*

Romans 8:30 *But whom He marked in advance, these He also called ... That word means sanctified ... and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

So, the three steps to salvation. Yes, you need justification. We said it already, we went over it, chapter three, chapter four, chapter five. Justification, being acquitted before YAHWEH for our sins, can only come by the shed blood of Yahshua Messiah. But then we also need sanctification, the setting apart of our life to YAHWEH, which leads to glorification. **Justification, sanctification, glorification.** I have that message, 'Called Chosen Faithful'. It's one of my favourite. A lot of people say the same. And if anybody hears this and has not heard it, it's a great message to listen to because it shows.

Romans 8:31 *What then shall we say to these things? If YAHWEH be for us, who can be against us?*

One of the most encouraging chapters you can ever get. First, He's telling us we're going to be just like Him. We're going to be co-heirs of the universe. I mean, everything is going to be great. And then he says,

Romans 8:31-35 *What then shall we say to these things? If YAHWEH be for us, who can be against us? Truly He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up on behalf of us all, how will He not freely give all things to us with Him? Who will bring any charge against the elect of Elohim? YAHWEH is the One justifying! Who is he condemning? It is Messiah who has died, but rather also is raised, who also is at the right hand of YAHWEH, who also makes intercession on our behalf. Who shall separate us from the love of Messiah? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?*

Who will separate us? It's not who, but why? As we already know, no person can separate us, but Satan can separate us. That's what Paul has been going over and over and over again. A person cannot separate us, but Satan can separate us.

Romans 8:36-39 *Even as it has been written, "For Your sake we are killed all the day; we are counted as lambs for the slaughter." But in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him loving us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor cherubs, nor rulers, nor armies, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other thing created will be able to separate us from the love of YAHWEH in Messiah, Yahshua, our Master.*

Wow. Like I said, a wonderful chapter in the Bible, almost like a Bible in the Bible. If I was on a desert island and I had

one chapter, it would be hard to make the decision. If you're only allowed to take one chapter with you, certainly *Romans 8* would be among my top choices, because it is such an encouraging chapter on justification, sanctification, glorification, the change of life. How to go from this human nature, human being into a child of YAHWEH and rule with Him for eternity.

So, I will stop there and we will open the floor for questions.

YAHWEH bless.