

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

Lesson Ten; Romans 8:

The Argument So Far

God of the whole world, not just Jews
God-fearing Gentiles part of redemption
Redemption to Edenic State
Not under the Law, but not free to sin
Free from the law of sin and death
No condemnation
Anticipating the resurrection
Anticipating the world to come

Hope for the Resurrection

²⁴ For in this hope [*of the resurrection*] we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Spirit's Intercession

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit [*of God*] helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit [*of God*] himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Cf. Proverbs 20:27)

All Things Work Together

²⁸ And we know that for those [*Jews and God-fearing Gentile believers*] who love God all [*the following*] things work together for good, for those who are called [*by God to belong to Yeshua the Messiah and to be Saints (cf. Rom 1:6-7)*] according to his purpose [*of redemption*].

Foreknowledge and Predestination

²⁹ For those whom he foreknew [*in the spiritual state of the pre-existent neshamah*] he also predestined [*i.e., assigned to a mission*] to be conformed to the image of his Son [*i.e. the divine Adam (cf. Rom 5:14) through means of the resurrection*], in order that he might be the firstborn [*son of God*] among many brothers.
Cf. Jeremiah 1:5; Isaiah 49:1

³⁰ And those whom he predestined [*for the mission of being conformed to the image of his Son*] he also called, and those whom he called he also justified [*i.e. exonerated in the final judgment*], and those whom he justified [*in the final judgment*] he also glorified [*in the resurrection of the dead*].

A Missing False-Premise

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? [That "there is condemnation for those who are in the Messiah Yeshua" (cf. Romans 8:1). By no means!] If God is for us, who can be against us?

³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things [*including the resurrection and exoneration in the final judgment*]?

³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect [*a term which ordinarily applies exclusively to Israel*]? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus [is in the position of authority to judge, and He] is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

More than Conquerors

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? [*What then shall we say?*]

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword [*separate us*]?

³⁶ As it is written [*in Psalm 44:22*], "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors [*in the arena*] through him who loved us.

No Separation

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present [*in this current age*] nor things to come [*in the kingdom and the world to come*], nor [*spiritual*] powers,

³⁹ nor height [*of heaven above*] nor depth [*of Sheol below*], nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.