Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Matthew 9:10-13

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."



"The church is not a museum displaying perfect people. It is a hospital (a place of hospitality and restoration) where the wounded, hurt, broken and injured find healing. It is a community of sinners."

- Nicky Gumbel

THE BOOK OF

ROMANS

"THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH"

CHAPTER 8



Themes

CH. 1-3 Depravity, Justice, and Grace

CH. 4-5 Faith – Origins and Impact

CH. 6-7 Living in Grace – motivation, frustration, and salvation

CH. 8: 1-16 Living in the Spirit vs. the Flesh

CH. 8:17-28 God Working All Things for Good

Romans 8:17-28 Summary

God is weaving a beautiful tapestry that incorporates ALL things (including suffering) for our good and for His glory, and we can only be confident in God's promises to make sufferings work for our good because God is good, loving, and sovereign over all things.

Today’s Key Verse

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”
– Romans 8:28

1. Adoption (Romans 8:14-17)

14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

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.

“Cross bearing proceeds crown wearing”
- Thomas Shepherd (1665-1739)

2. Present Sufferings (Romans 8:18-21)

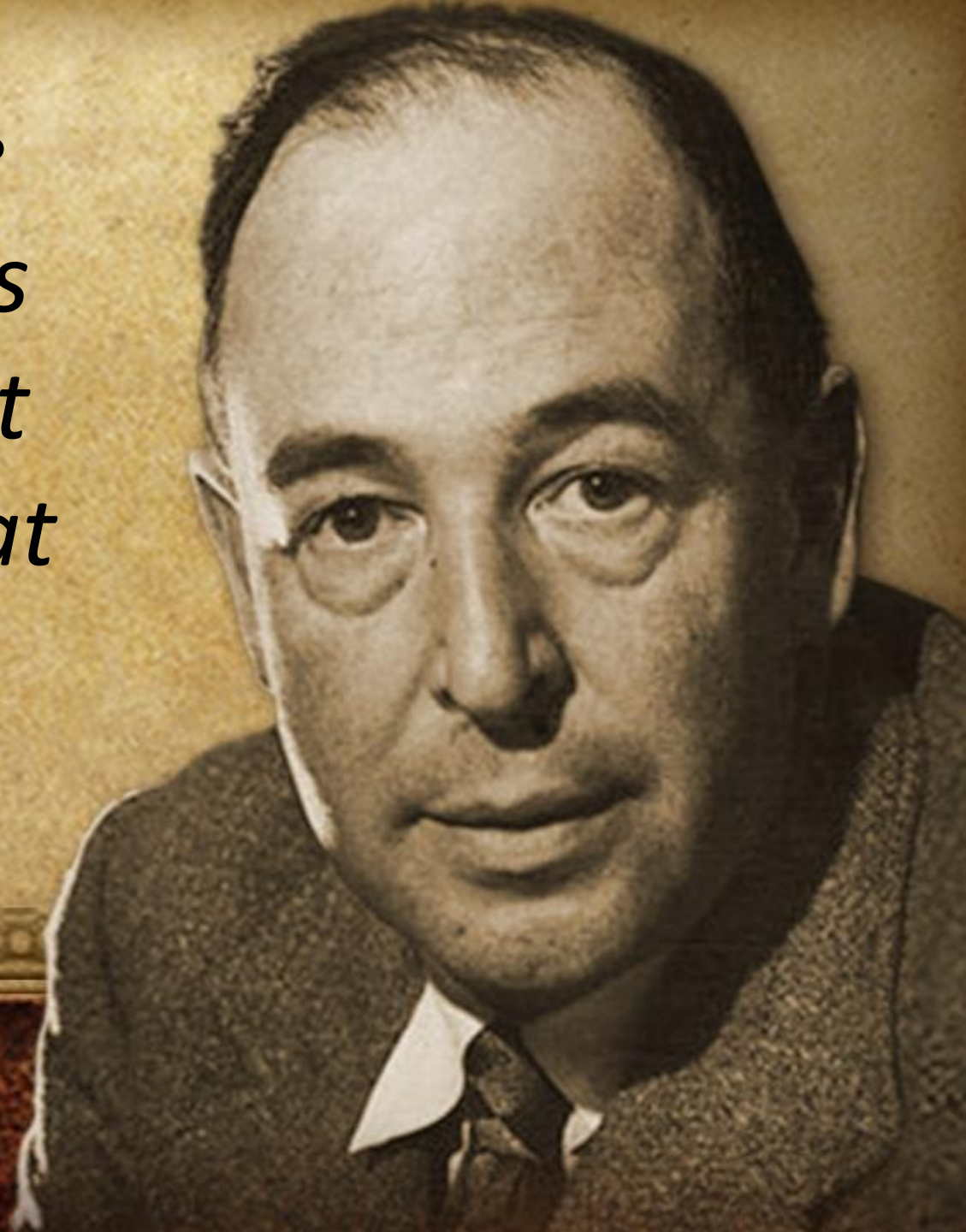
18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

3. Hope for Redemption (Romans 8:22-25)

22 We know that the whole creation has been
groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the
present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who
have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we
wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the
redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we
were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all.

Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

“If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.” - C.S. Lewis



4. Praying Spirit (Romans 8:26-27)

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our
weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray
for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through
wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts
knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit
intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the
will of God.

5. All Things (Romans 8:28)

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

God's Sovereignty

"Only I can tell you what is going to happen even before it happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish." - Isaiah 46:10

"I am the one who creates the light and makes the darkness. I am the one who sends good times and bad times. I, the Lord, am the one who does these things."
- Isaiah 45:7

“Look now; I myself am He! There is no god other than me! I am the one who kills and gives life; I am the one who wounds and heals; no one delivers from my power.”
- Deuteronomy 32:39

“From eternity to eternity I am God. No one can oppose what I do. No one can reverse my actions.” - Isaiah 43:13

“The Lord does whatever He pleases throughout all heaven and earth, and on the seas and in their depths.”
- Psalm 135:6

“In his heart, a man plans his ways, but the Lord determines his steps.” - Proverbs 16:9

“We may throw the dice, but the Lord determines how they fall.” - Proverbs 16:33

“I kept the rain from falling when you needed it most, ruining all of your crops. I sent rain on one town but withheld it from another. Rain fell on one field, while another field withered away.” - Amos 4:7

“Anyone who hits a person hard enough to cause death must be put to death. But if it is an accident and God allows it to happen, I will appoint a place where the slayer can run for safety.” - Exodus 21:12-13

“For everything comes from Him; everything exists by His power and is intended for His glory. To Him be glory evermore. Amen.” - Romans 11:36

The Blessing

from Romans 8:17-28

As you go, remember that, in Christ, you are an adopted and beloved heir of the family of God with a right to all the privileges of a child of God, which includes the great promise that God is working all your sufferings for the good and for both your glory and His.