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

Romans 8:31b-34a

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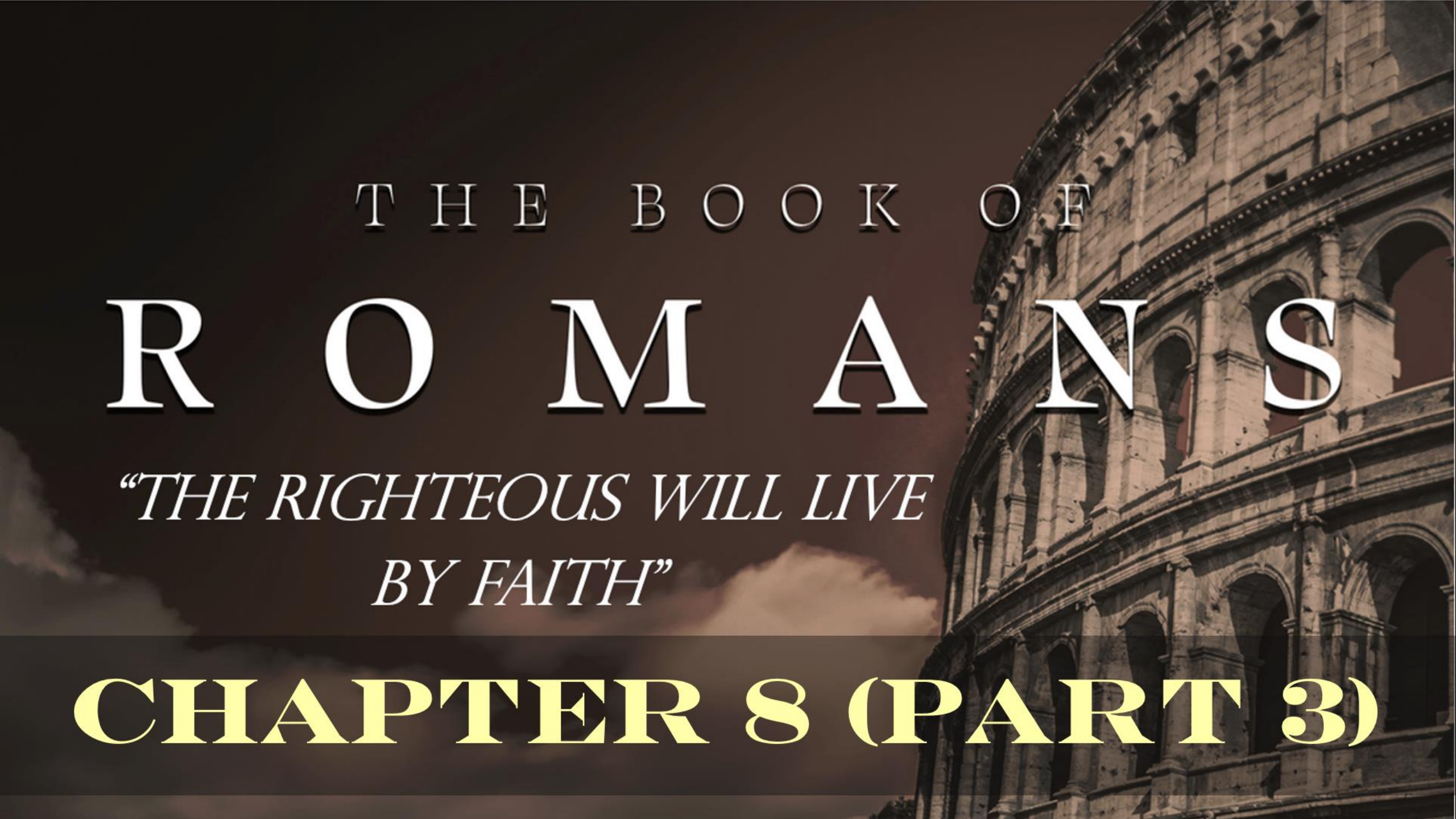

THE BOOK OF
ROMANS
"THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH"
CHAPTER 8 (PART 3)

Themes

CH. 1-3 Depravity, Justice, and Grace

CH. 4-5 Faith – Origins and Impact

CH. 6-7 Living in Grace

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

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

CH. 8:29-39 No Separation

Romans 8:29-39 Summary

Because God has loved you from before time, predestined you to eternal life, called you as a Shepherd calls His sheep, justified you to be perfectly righteous in His sight, and glorified you in His radiant beauty, **NOTHING** whatsoever will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.

Today's Key Verse

"If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"
– Romans 8:31b-32



Chain of Love

Romans 8:29-30

1. Chain of Love (Romans 8:29-30)

29 For those God **foreknew** he also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also **called;** those he called, he also **justified;** those he justified, he also **glorified.**

Romans 8:28 Context

All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to his purpose BECAUSE He knew your name before the world was ever created. When Jesus died on the cross, he wasn’t dying for a crowd, He was dying for you, specifically (He knew your name), and for all of those whom God gave him.

Foreknew – Scripture Verses

- *“He chose us before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless.”* - Ephesians 1:4
- *“The Lord knows those who are his.”* – 2 Timothy 2:19
- *“Chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father”* - 1 Peter 1:2
- *“I was found by people who were not looking for me. I showed myself to those who were not asking for me.”* - Romans 10:20

People God Foreknew

- Abraham
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Moses
- Gideon
- David
- Isaiah,
- Jeremiah,
- Hosea
- Jonah
- the disciples
- Paul

People God Foreknew

- **JACOB -** *"Before they were born or had done anything good or bad: that God's purposes in election might stand – not by works but Him who calls."* - Romans 9:11-12
- **JEREMIAH -** *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."* – Jeremiah 1:5
- **PAUL -** *"For it pleased God in His kindness to choose me and call me, even before I was born! What undeserved mercy!"* - Galatians 1:15

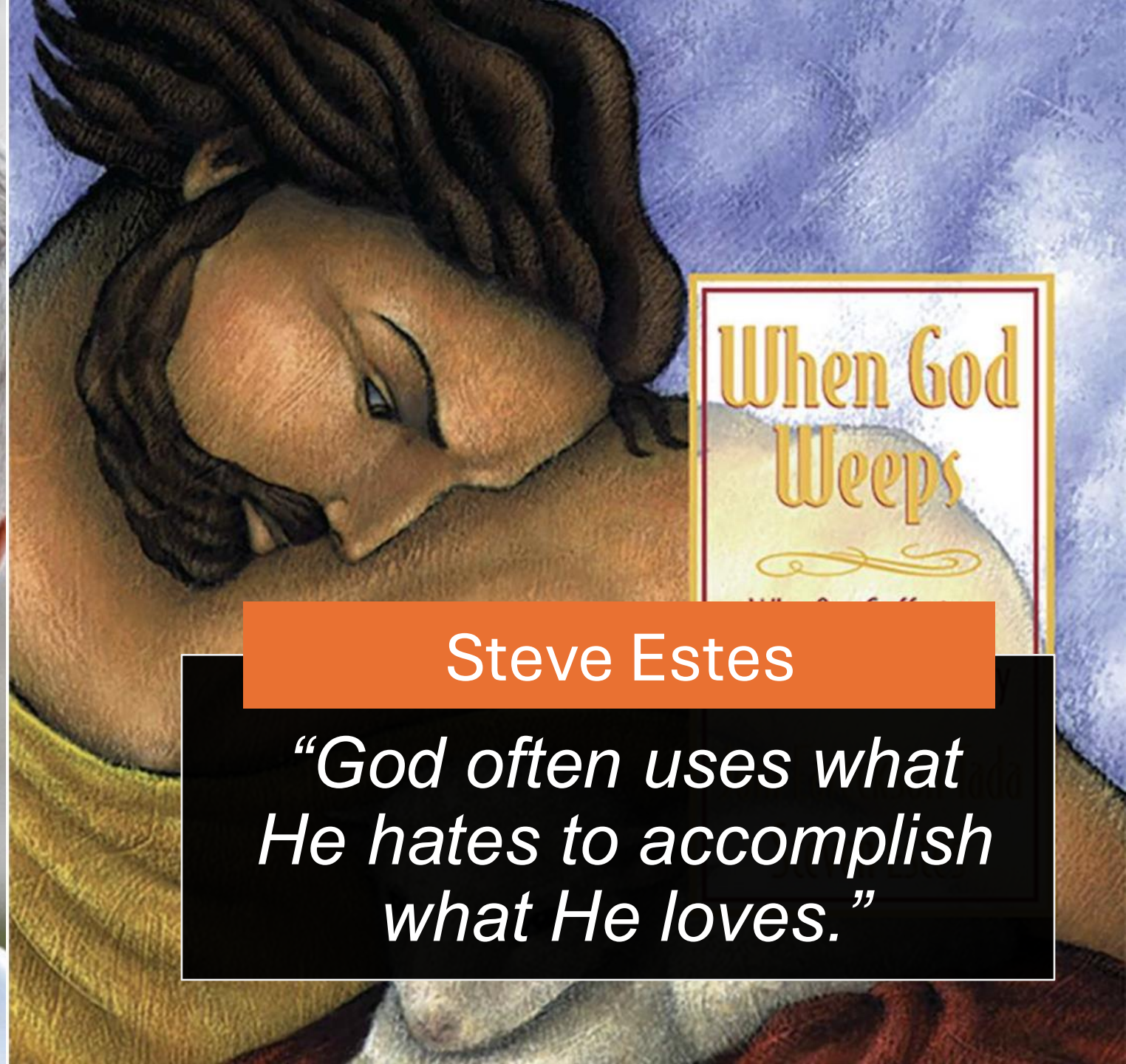
Man's Inability

- *"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing."* – John 6:63a
- *"No one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit."* – 1 Corinthians 12:3
- *"The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God."* – Romans 8:7-8

Predestined – God's Heart of Love

- *"As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?'"*
  – Ezekiel 33:11
- *"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."* – 2 Peter 3:9





Steve Estes

“God often uses what He hates to accomplish what He loves.”

Called – Scripture Verses

- *"He calls His own sheep by name and He leads them out."* – John 10:3
- *"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them... No one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."* – John 6:44, 65
- *"Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth, was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message."* – Acts 16:14

2. God is for us (Romans 8:31-34)

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things?
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, along with him, graciously give us all things?
33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? **No one.** Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

3. No Separation (Romans 8:35-39)

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor
the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor
depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able
to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

Confidence

We can be confident in many things in this life (i.e., love of parents, spouse, children, etc.), but the greatest level of confidence that we can have in this life is the love of God for those who are in Christ Jesus.

- *"For you have been born again. Your new life did not come from your earthly parents because the life they gave you will end in death. But this new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living Word of God."*
  - 1 Peter 1:23

Conclusion

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The Blessing

“To those who have been called,
who are loved in God the Father
and kept for Jesus Christ:
Mercy, peace and love
be yours in abundance.”
- Jude 1:1-2