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## *Romans 8*



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*Session 1 - "No Condemnation"*

*Romans 8:1-11*

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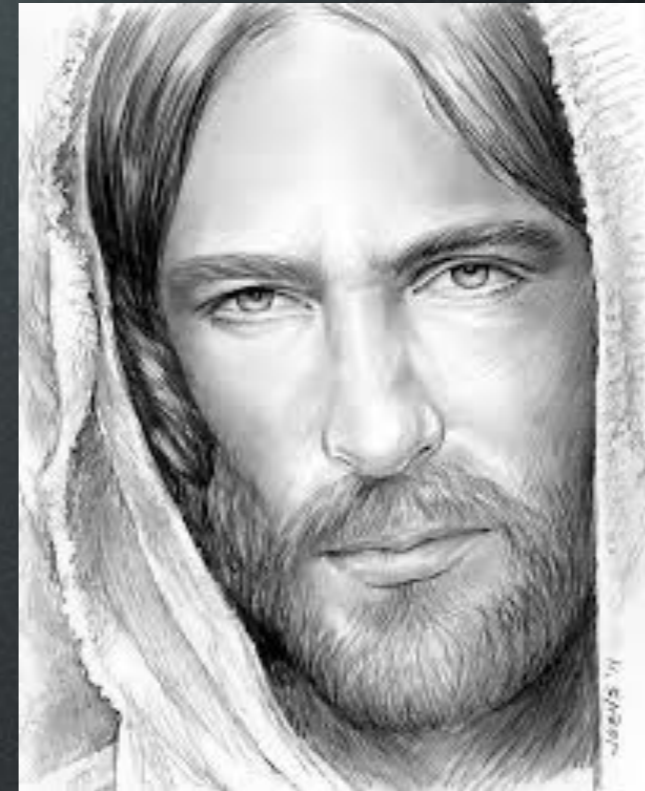
*Session 2 - "Life in the Spirit"*  
*Romans 8:12-30*

- I. Led by the Spirit - v. 12-17
- II. Liberation of Creation - v. 17-21
- III. Groaning of the Spirit - v. 22-27
- IV. Justified & Glorified - v. 28-30

## Session 1 Review

The Israel story leads to Jesus, the anointed Messiah as the sin offering through whom God did what Torah could not do - show up sin for what it is.

God then raised Jesus from the dead to give us what the Torah promised, an uncondemned, righteous life free from sin and death so, by His Spirit in us, we may set our minds in terms of His Spirit to please God in our earthly temple bodies.



“Paul has resolutely located the deepest meaning of the cross within Israel's narrative. That is where it should remain.” NT, *The Day the Revolution Began*, 288.

## Session 2 - *"Life in the Spirit"*

"If children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him...

...that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God...

...to be shaped to the model of the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn within a large family."

Romans 8:17, 21 & 29

[Keep Romans 8:12-30 open as you look for themes, connecting words, and the context of 1st century Rome and 21st century home.]



## **Romans 8:12-17 - Led by the Spirit**

*Mortification - die to the flesh and live in the Spirit - 8:12-13*

*Jesus stating, "Satan has nothing in me." John 14:30*

“Until we learn about the removal of all that’s inside so, like Jesus, we can say there’s nothing in me that that appeals to. That’s what Paul is talking about when he talks about “mortifying”. Mortify means to kill off. Like a mortgage, it is something you kill off by degrees. Mortification is a primary part of the spiritual life in the New Testament. That means we allow the things that are wrong in us to wither and die. He is not talking about the things of the body in the natural sense. He is talking about the deeds of the body that is saturated in the wrong stuff. Living out here in a social world, where there is so much in you that people can just come by and grab you and make you dance like a puppet on a string because of what’s in you. Often goes back to the way we were treated or other children treated us. That’s where the habits come from.”

Dallas, “Healing the Heart”, 4B [3:15]



## Led by the Spirit (continued)

“We are the children of God, our Abba Father” v. 14-16

From Slavery to Sonship (v. 15) – New Creation People

Out of Egypt through the Red Sea (Romans 6) beyond the Law at Sinai (Romans 7) to the Inheritance (Romans 8)

In Rome, Octavian who became Caesar Augustus, was the adopted son of Julius Caesar.

“As the old emperor died and was divinized, the new one would be ‘son of the deified one’, inheriting the empire.”

*NT, Into the Heart, 94*



Paul declares Jesus as Kyrios over the Roman Empire



## **Romans 8:12-17 - Led by the Spirit** (continued)

“We are in debt to God because, being his heirs, we are to live in the present time as his sons and daughters, the people at whom the world looks to get an impression of who the father must be.”

*NT, Into the Heart, 91*

**Power** - The Spirit of the risen Christ leading us like a pillar of cloud and fire. *8:11, 13, 15*

**Vocation** - To carry out the Father's reign through the righteousness of the Son. *Romans 5:17*

“Not free to ‘go to heaven’, but for the true human vocation, the **royal priesthood**.” *NT, The Day the Revolution Began, 290*

**Glorified** = God's Spirit in us and our rule over creation.



## *With Holiness & Hope in the Vocation as God's Children*

“Paul has learned, at the foot of the cross, that this is how Israel's God reclaimed his kingship over the world; and – though the church has by no means always figured this one out – that this is how Jesus' followers will make that kingship a reality in the present and the future.” NT, *Into the Heart of Romans*, 101-102

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“The great difference between Romans 8 and what comes before it, is the presence of the Spirit of God. It is the Spirit that solves the problems of humanity that are laid out in Romans chapter 1 through chapter 7. And in Romans chapter 8, the Spirit of Christ moves into human life.”

Dallas, “Knowledge of Christ Today”, #3 [45:43]

## Romans 8:17-21 - Liberation of Creation

Verse 17 → the bridge - Children who are heirs with a royal vocation carry out God's promise to Abraham through...

“Share in the Messiah's suffering to share in his glory.” v. 17

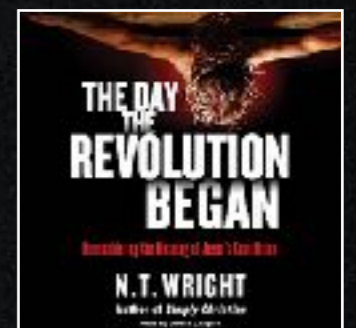
Our “inheritance” as children of God is not heaven later but his “glory” - dignity, worth, status - now. v. 17 leads to v. 30

“Romans 8 is not about Heaven. Heaven is important but it's not the end of the world.” NT, Truett, 2022

“This chapter is about new creation, not about escaping the present creation and going somewhere else.” NT, *Into the Heart*, 88

“Heaven is never mentioned in the chapter.” NT, *Ibid*, 110

“Suffering is part of what it means to share in his glory.”  
NT, *The Day the Revolution Began*, 371



## **Romans 8:17-21 - Liberation of Creation** (continued)

His Glory — “rule or power” in Hebrew terms = “royalty”

The presence of God dwelling with us, and  
the ruling of God’s people over the whole creation.

v. 17 - we suffer with Christ to share glory

v. 21 - as God’s children glorified to liberate creation from decay

v. 30 - justified and glorified

“This promise about the coming glory — the glory of human beings put in charge of the world – is a major theme for Paul. Psalm 2, 8, 110. The coming king is the ultimate, true human being. Genesis 1 – all human beings are image bearers; all humans possess real dignity. Jesus is the true human being as Messiah who shares this role with all his people.”

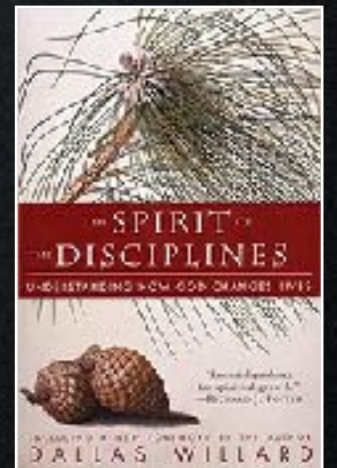
*NT, Heart, 120-121*

*Genesis 1 and 2 in Psalm 8* — Creator of Created over Creation

## Liberation of A Groaning Creation

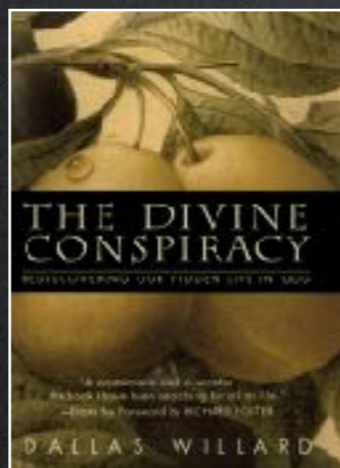
“Creation is now the unwilling subject of human vanity and folly, as we can see in Romans 8:20, just because it wasn't governed by a humanity in loving and intelligent harmony with itself and with God. It is in its present state due to the fact that humanity is at war with itself and with God.”

Dallas, *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, 51–52



“Indeed, the very creation itself is groaning under the strain of the process, through which humanity will step into its destined role in the cosmos, into

“the coming, glory to be revealed in us.” (Romans 8:18–23)



Dallas, *The Divine Conspiracy*, 384-385

## Romans 8:22-27 - Groaning of the Spirit

The deep, personal nature of suffering - the world is in pain!

The Church's Vocation of Prayer – To Announce & Lament

R. Phd. = “Royal” - *to rule* “Priesthood” - *to intercede*

We join a Trinitarian conversation of the Spirit and Father in the deep sorrow of a world God loves so much through the Son.

“For God so loved the world...” (John 3:16) Covenant

“He did by sending His son” (Romans 8:3) Cross

“For us to be shaped to the image of His son” (8:29) Church

Learning  
to  
Lament



Praying  
thru  
Pain

## **People of God — New Temple, New Tabernacle, New Passover**

"We are called to be people who stand at the place of pain. And dwells my God spirit, we are to be right there in the chaos, so that God's new creation may finally emerge, this time with humans as its spirit in abled agents. This is our own Gethsemane moment, our own why-did-you-abandon-me? moment." NT, *Into the Heart*, 150-151

"It is not an accident. It is where we are supposed to be."

NT, Truett, Session 6

"The Cross - suffering was the means of victory...and the means of implementation." NT, *The Day the Revolution Began*, 372

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"Only as we find God's kingdom and settle into it can we human beings, all reign, or rule, together with God. We will then enjoy individualized reigns with neither isolation or conflict. This is the ideal of human existence, for which secular idealism vainly strives. Small wonder that, as Paul says, "creation eagerly await the revelation of God's children." (Romans 8:19) Dallas, *The Divine Conspiracy*, 27

“<sup>28</sup>And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. <sup>30</sup>Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”

Romans 8:28-30 (KJV)

## **Romans 8:28-30 - Justified & Glorified**

Regaining our proper human vocation *Gen. 1, Psalm 8, Rev. 5:10*

Our calling not just “for” us...but “through” us “torchbearers”

“And we know that ALL THINGS WORK together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” *Romans 8:28 (KJV)*





## **Romans 8:28-30 - Justified & Glorified** (continued)

“We know that in everything GOD WORKS for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28 (RSV)

“It is God who is working, rather than “all things”. It means that God works not just for those who love him – as they were simply the passive recipients of his ongoing benevolence – but he works with those who love him. Their present work and struggles are themselves part of what's happening through the Spirit's work in them to actively contribute in the present time to God's overall working out of his purposes. We are God's coworkers.” NT, *Into the Heart*, 157-158

**Apprentices of Jesus** will be deeply disturbed about many things and will passionately desire many things, but they will be largely indifferent to the fulfillment of their own desires as such. Merely getting their way has no significance for them, does not disturb them.

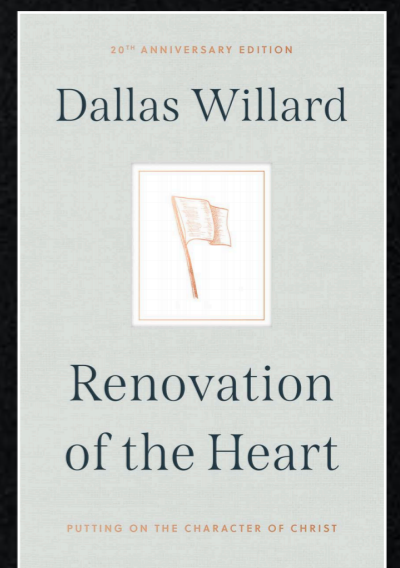
*They know Romans 8:28.*

They do not have to look out for themselves because they know that God, not they, is in charge of our life.

*They appropriately look after things that concern them but they do not worry about outcomes that merely affect adversely their own desires and feelings.*

They are free to focus their efforts on the service of God and others and the furthering of good generally, and be as passionate about such things as may be appropriate to such efforts.

Dallas, *Renovation of the Heart*, 69



## **Romans 8:28-30 - Justified & Glorified** (continued)

“Paul is not speaking about how salvation is accomplished. Romans 8:18-30 is speaking about the vocation of the saved community, the calling to implement the *already accomplished* work of Jesus Messiah within, and for the benefit of, the wider world of all creation. The way this happens is through the Spirit calling Jesus’ followers to be people of prayer at the heart of the pain of the world.” NT, *Heart*, 161

“This is about vocation not salvation.” Ibid, 162

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“Prayer is talking to God about what we are doing together.”

Dallas, *The Divine Conspiracy*, 243

*Hearing God*, 39

“Prayer trains us to reign.” *The D.C.*, 250

“Prayer is God’s power sharing device.”

Dallas, “Spiritual Formation”, Bethel, 2008



## **Romans 8:28-30 - Justified & Glorified** (continued)

God is working all things for the good of His son's followers, those He Foreknew, Predestined, Called, Justified, Glorified to be like His Son.

This opens the church's vocation as God is working all things for the followers of Jesus who practice the Great Commandments - the Shema and neighbor love.

Image Bearers (Genesis 1 ) - "Jesus look-a-likes, Jesus-reflectors" - created and crowned for dominion (Psalm 8 ) were marked out (8:29) like Jeremiah, Israel, and Paul, through the ultimate obedient human (8:3-4) for a vocation as ruling kings and interceding priests (Rev. 1:6, 5:10, 20:6), to be like Jesus, to share his sonship, his inheritance, his suffering, his glory.

*NT, Into the Heart, 169-174*

“The way of Christ is to say it’s all real and everything is redeemable. There is not a single thing that happens to human beings in this world that is not redeemable. *“All things work together for good”* does not mean all things are good. There’s some bad stuff. I did a little bit of it. And you have done a little bit yourself. Probably there is something that we contribute to it. We acknowledge that, we acknowledge pain, death, disappointment. In the midst of that, we acknowledge everything works together for the good for those who love God and are called into His purposes. That’s the story. That is what enables us no matter what is happening to be able to give thanks. Now that takes some work because our thoughts have often been obsessed with bad stuff. One of the things that really pulls us in is the bad stuff that happens to us then we become fixed on that and we become angry and unforgiving and superior in our outlook to defend ourselves. That’s what you see pulling your own soul, the bad stuff.”

Dallas, “Healing the Heart” 3A, [6:00]

## Summary Thoughts from Dallas & NT



Romans 8:28 & 35-39 - God works all things together and nothing can cut use off from God's inseparable love, and effective care is the nature of a life in the Kingdom of the heavens now. Dallas, *Renovation*, 95, 110

Mortification is a Spirit led, grace-filled, putting off the flesh as we put on the mind of Christ. That is for us to do. You will not do it on your own. But that's something we are to do.

Dallas, "Spiritual Formation & Salvation," Wheaton



As the King's adopted children and heirs of the whole creation, our royal vocation is to intercede by the Spirit of love of the Father and Son in the deepest places of darkness and suffering as a gift to the world.

## Key Thoughts from Dallas & NT

### The Sermon on the Mount & Romans 8



The Sermon on the Mount is not list of laws. It is a list of pictures of the life of someone who is living in the Kingdom of God. These are people who have stepped beyond performance. Now the issue they know is personal transformation. That's love. That's I Corinthians 13. The teachings about the progression of the soul in II Peter 1, Colossians 3, **Romans 8**. It's an open secret. This is the level of the Fruit of the Spirit not the works of the flesh."

Dallas, "Bringing Truth to Life",  
Session 3, *"The Bible as an Indispensable Source of Truth"*

"Romans 8 is one of the most vivid applications of the Sermon on the Mount." NT, *Into the Heart*, 168



# Q&C

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Q&A



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**Meditation** — *Romans 8:17 & 29*

## **Application for Your Spiritual Formation**

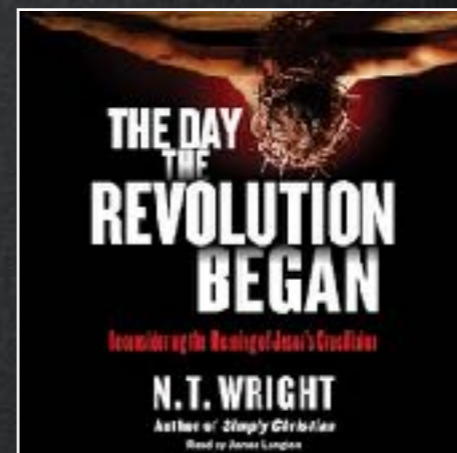
VISION - What assurance does my adoption by the King provide me?

INTENTION - Is my goal to go to heaven or to bring His glory on earth?

MEANS - Who do I see suffering for whom I will intercede?



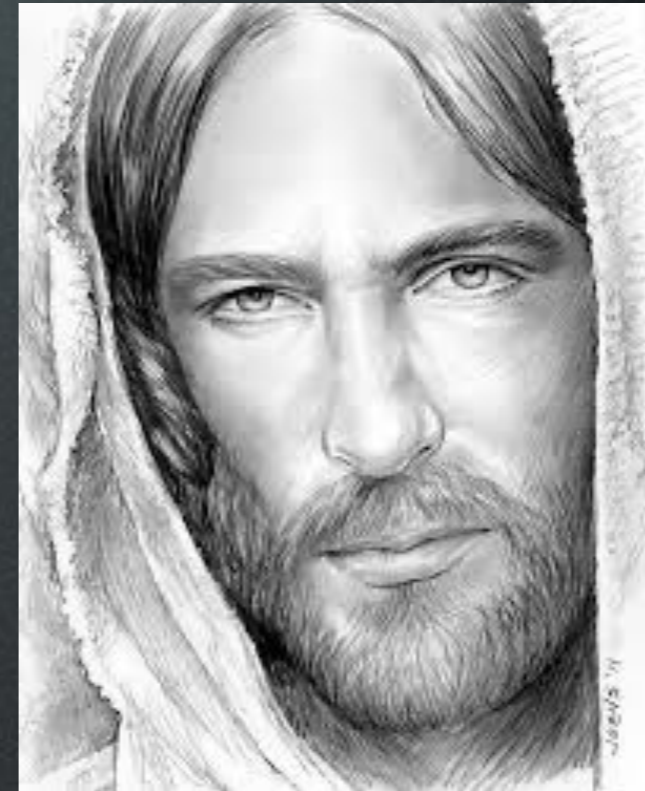
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## Session 2 Summary

We put off our old ways in the power of the Spirit of the risen Son in us, for we are children of our Abba Father, inheriting the vocation of interceding in the dark places to free a groaning creation, insufferable yet incomparable to the glory revealed as God works all things as he promised for all creation to reveal an inheritance as co-laborers over a new heaven and earth.



# Next — Final Session

## “Inseparable Love”

Romans 8:31-39

Video #5 - [“God is With Us”](#) Dallas [4:30-8:42]

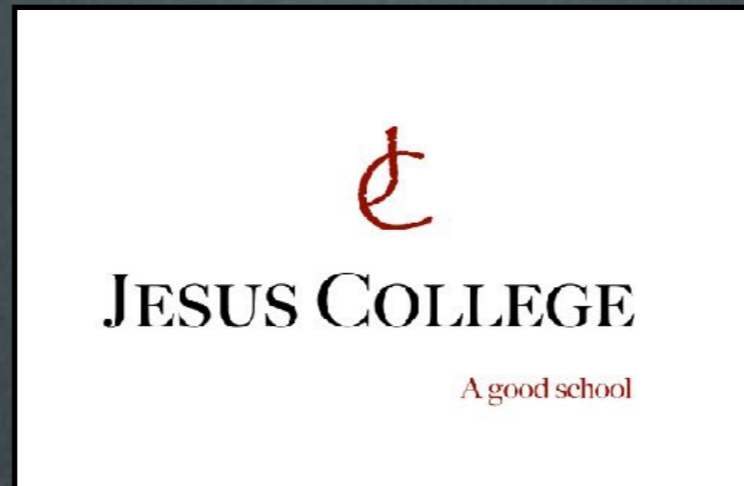
Video #6 - [Knowledge of Christ Today #7](#),  
“Work Together for Good”, Dallas [42:30-44:25]

Video #7 - [“Bringing Truth to Life”](#) (audio only)  
Session 1, Dallas, Romans 8:28 [14:15-20:45]

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Seek first the Kingdom of your  
adoption with Christ,  
By grace-filled, self-  
mortification to form you,  
As a Christlike, royal heir of a  
Spirit-filled, glorious vocation,  
Announcing the world's  
liberation and lamenting the  
world's decay.

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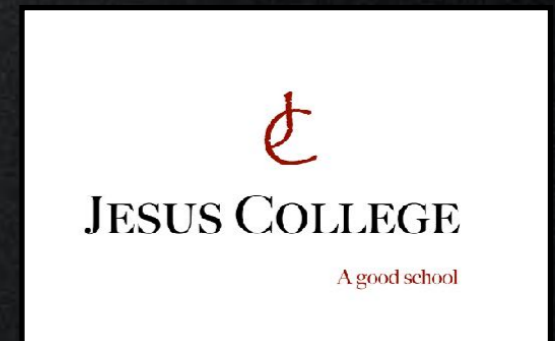
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