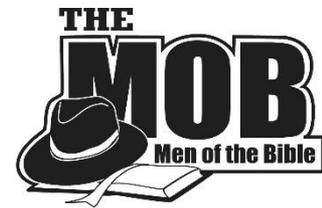


For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

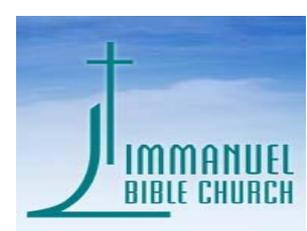
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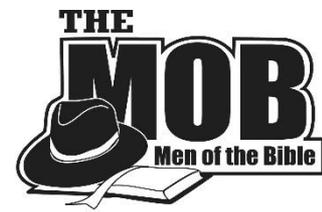
# Announcements



- **Welcome to the MOB!** Website: [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)
- ["Even Better Than Eden" IBC Women's Spring Conference, March 9-10 at IBC – check online for more information](#)



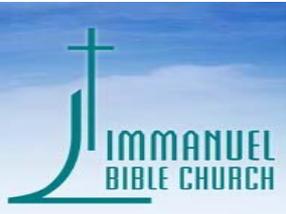
# Memory Verse



## **Romans 8:28 (NASB)**

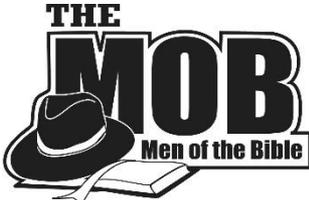
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## **Romans 8:28 (NASB)**



# Romans

## Outline

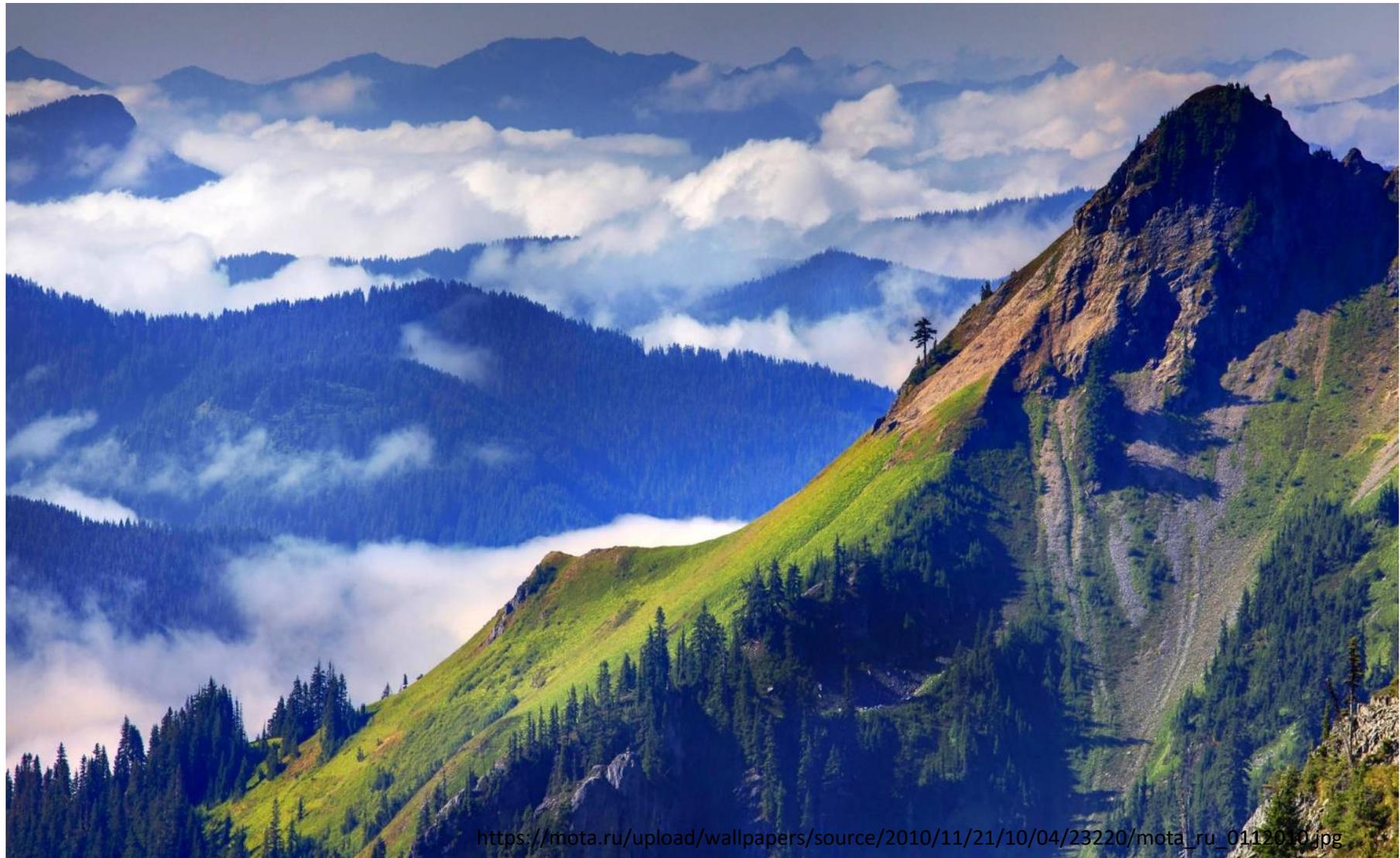
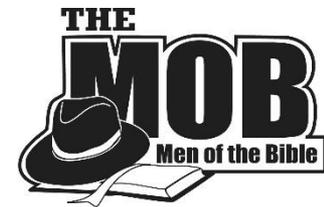


Focus	Revelation of God's Righteousness			Vindication of God's Righteousness			Application of God's Righteousness	
	Reference	1:1 – 3:20	3:21 – 5:21	6:1 – 8:39	9:1-29	9:30 – 10:21	11:1-36	12:1 – 13:14
Division	Need for God's Righteousness	Imputation of God's Righteousness	Demonstration of God's Righteousness	Israel's Past: Election	Israel's Present: Rejection	Israel's Future: Restoration	Christian Duties	Christian Liberties
	Topic	Sin	Salvation	Sanctification	Sovereignty			Service
	Doctrinal						Behavioral	
Location & Time	Probably written in <b>Corinth</b> (Greece) around <b>57 AD</b>							





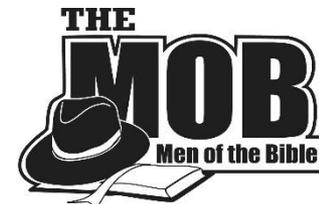
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# Last Meeting



## Scripture:

- [Romans 8:14-17](#)

## Key Thoughts :

- All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God
- The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children
- If we are children of God, then we are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ
- We will be glorified with Him, provided we suffer with Him

## Encountering the Book of Romans

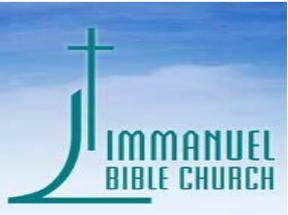
Chapter 12

Life and Hope through the Spirit: Adoption

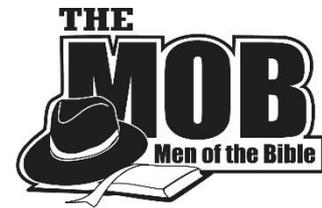
pp. 119-120

## Outline:

- The Test of Sonship
- The Privilege of Sonship
- The Assurance of Sonship



# This Meeting



## Scripture:

— [Romans 8:18-39](#)

## Key Thoughts :

- Expands on the Spirit's work, introduced earlier
- The climax of God's plan for the world and His people
- God provides a means for us to securely attain His glory

## Encountering the Book of Romans

Chapter 12

Life and Hope through the Spirit: Glory

Response: Celebration of Our Security in Christ

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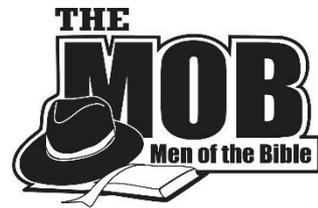
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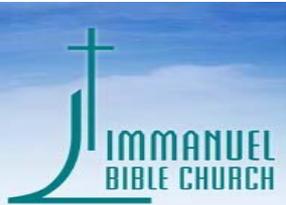
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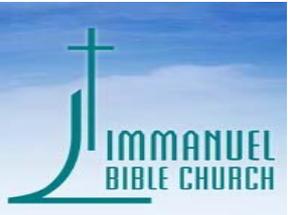
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## Romans 8:18-39 (ESV)



<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.



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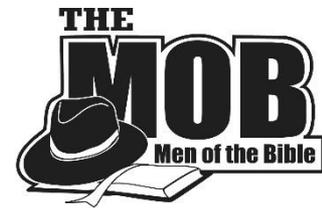


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# Romans 8: The Spirit in Action!



The Spirit of Life

vv. 8:1-13

**Instant Status!**

Present

The Spirit of Adoption

vv. 8:14-17

**Fellow Heirs!**

The Spirit of Glory

vv. 8:18-30

**Securely Claimed!**

Future

## Chapter 5

- Rejoicing in Life and Hope

## Chapter 6

- Freedom from the power of Sin

## Chapter 7

- Freedom from the Law

## Chapter 8

- Life and Hope through the Spirit

*<sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

*<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus*

*<sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

*<sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

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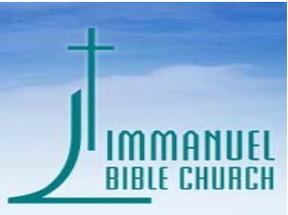
*<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”*

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Ref: Moo Chapter Outline



# Hope and Anticipated Redemption



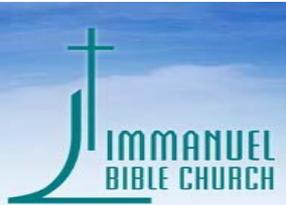
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**Observation:** Awaiting the climax of God's plan—complete redemption, restoration and glorification. An amazing description and word picture of the current condition of creation

## Interpretation:

- *Apekdechomai* – From *apo* – intensive, and *ekdechomai* – to expect, look for, anticipate
- Childbirth provides a vivid picture of current anguish, but future joy ([John 16:21](#))
- *sustenazo*/*stenazo* - *sun* ; with, together with; *stenō* - to moan, sigh, groan



# The Promise of Intercession



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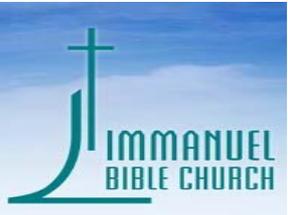
**Observation:** Perhaps the greatest Biblical promise for a struggling believer—God Himself, interceding on our behalf “through wordless groans” (NIV).

## **Interpretation:**

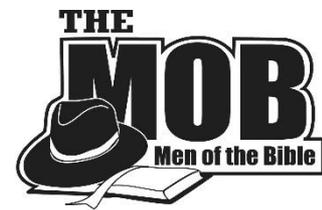
*Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted ([Psalm 25:16](#))*

The full alignment of God’s will and purpose

- The promised result: <sup>28</sup> *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*



# The Promise of Providence, Justification and Glorification



<sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

<sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**Observation:** God is determined to bring all those who belong to him to glory (Moo, p.125). It carries the message of predestination, that is, that God's plan for us was from the beginning, conforming us to His likeness, justifying and eventually glorifying us to Himself

## **Interpretation:**

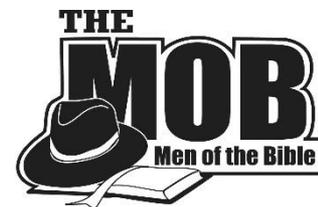
Paul uses certainty in his description—here and throughout his writings  
Uniquely known, uniquely saved, but full restoration is yet to come!

*summorphos*; from *sun* (together) and *morphé*; conformed to:--  
*eikōn*; an image, i.e. lit. statue, fig. representation

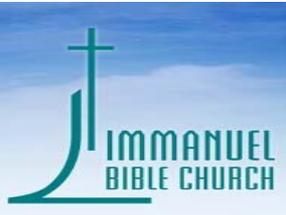
See [Philippians 3:20-21](#)



## Philippians 3:20-21



<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.



# The Promise of Completely Belonging to God, Part 1



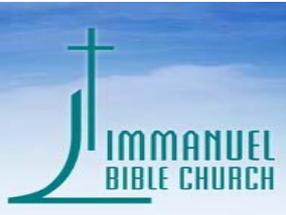
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**Observation:** “What things” is the talking about? Moo thinks it is a fitting ending for the details outlined in Chapters 5 – 8 (justification by faith, our sinful nature, being buried in Christ, the inadequate yet necessary Holy Law)

## **Interpretation:**

Again, the use of rhetorical questions as part of making his point.

What a way to put nails in the coffin of all that separates us from God and defines us as evil, sinful, lacking, inadequate created beings.



# The Promise of Completely Belonging to God, Part 2



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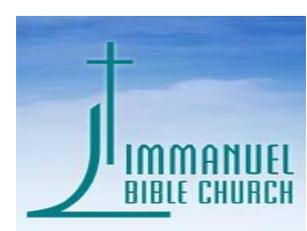
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**Interpretation:** The focus turns to God’s love for us in Christ (Moo, p.126). Paul speaks from personal experience ([2 Corinthians 11:23-27](#))

His point reflects both the physical and spiritual elements of this world

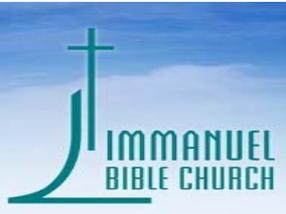
It seems that Paul anticipates an argument, but leaves no room for doubt



# Discussion & Application



1. Which word best reflects the actions described in Romans 8: Adoption, Redemption, Restoration, Protection, Glorification?
2. In your opinion, what is the most potent verse in Romans Chapter 8? Why?
3. When you are at the end of your rope in a difficult circumstance, how do you interact with God? (Ref. vv. 26-27)
4. Is there a time when you felt the Spirit coming along side you in a unique way? What were the circumstances?
5. Discuss verses 28 and 29: How can these verses help someone who has undergone personal tragedy? How do you view the definition of “good” (*agathos*) in verse 28?
6. Do you find personal comfort in Paul’s final thoughts vv. 35-39?
7. How do you think Chapter 8 completes the thoughts associated with Chapters 5, 6, and 7?



# Next Meeting



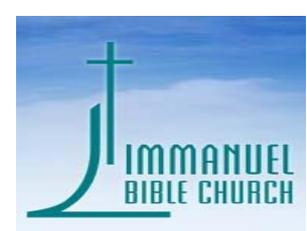
## Israel and the Plan of God

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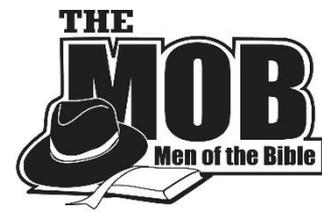
- [Romans 5-8](#)

Study:

- [Romans 9:1-29](#)
- *Encountering Romans* Chapter 13, pages 129-139



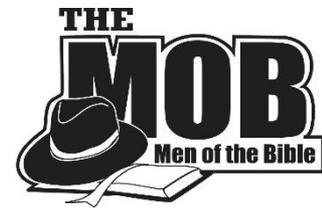
# Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer



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