

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Women's Day at CityTeam Oakland - Friday, October 11th & 25th
 - Fall Festival - Saturday, October 12th @ 10 am
 - Henry Cowell Camping Connections Trip - October 17th - 20th
 - Forensic Faith Conference - Saturday, October 19th @ 9 am
 - CityTeam Outreach - Saturday, October 19th
 - Altamoms - Thursday, October 24th @ 7 pm
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- Women's Harvest Brunch - Saturday, November 2nd @ 9:30 am
 - Kids Against Hunger Food Packing Event - Saturday, November 9th

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SONGS & SERMONS

- "Oh Our Lord" - Paul Baloche, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard
- "God My Rock" - Brenton Brown, Paul Baloche
- "O Come to the Altar" - Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye
- "Good, Good Father" - Anthony Brown, Pat Barrett
- "How Great Thou Art" - Stuart Wesley, Keene Hine

To listen or watch today's message, visit www.vbc.online/media

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,342,926.00

Giving Last Week.....\$37,314.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,260,696.00

Text "valleybiblegive" 779-77 to give today.

Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MESSAGE NOTES

Review & Use

Romans 8

Review of the pieces of Romans 8:

1. We are free from condemnation, to live a new quality of life.
(Romans 8:1-4)
2. We set our minds on the Spirit, living for God's pleasure.
(Romans 8:5-8)
3. The Spirit indwells God's people.
(Romans 8:9-11)
4. The Spirit confirms that we are children of God.
(Romans 8:12-17)
5. We will suffer in this world.
(Romans 8:18-25)
6. The Spirit requests from God only what is best for our growth in Christ-likeness.
(Romans 8:26-30)
7. In Christ, we have nothing to fear.
(Romans 8:31-39)



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How God designed His church (people) to keep growing:

1. God gives each believer a unique ability to help others by dispensing God's grace.

1Pet. 4:10 *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:*

2. God intimately and supernaturally works as His people exercise their gifts.

1Cor. 12:4 *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.*

3. Everyone speaks truth lovingly so as to build up others.

Eph. 4:15 *Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

How, then, can we communicate Romans 8 to one another to stimulate endurance & growth?

1. We are free.

What is our standing before God? What happened to our sins? What does God think of us? Do we allow fear to motivate us to live "right"?

2. We are indwelt.

Do we consider the amazing fact that God lives in us? Do we purposely occupy ourselves with what Jesus has done for us? Is "walking in step" with the Spirit becoming a constant practice? Are we reminding ourselves that we no longer must sin, no matter what?

3. We are growing.

What is our standing before God? What happened to our sins? What does God think of us? Do we allow fear to motivate us to live "right"?

4. We will suffer.

Do we realistically understand that suffering in this world will take place because of sin? Do we live with certain hope that one day suffering will come to an end? Do we live in excited, enduring expectation of that day by walking in step with the Spirit?

5. We are growing.

Do we rely on the Holy Spirit's prayers for us when we are weakened/confused by the hardships of life? Do we trust that our Father will use suffering to produce "good" in our lives, namely, "to be conformed to the image of His Son"?

6. We are loved.

Do we relate our suffering to the evidence (Jesus' death) & promise (continued grace) that prove God is "for us"? Do we deal with human opposition by running to the Father (who justifies us) and by recognizing Christ's effective work? Are we convinced that no circumstance of life nor powerful forces of evil will ever put us outside God's love?