

In Romans 8:29 are words that puzzle many Bible scholars, and we need to understand fully, the meaning of this verse. I have chosen what I think is the best rendering from the Full Life Study Bible, p. 331,428 notes.

“Foreknow” in this verse is equivalent to “fore love” and is used in the sense of “to set loving regard upon,” “to choose to bestow love upon from eternity (cf. Genesis 18:19; Exodus 2:25; Psalm 1:6; Hosea 13:5; Matthew 7:23; I Corinthians 8:3; Galatians 4:9; I John 3:1). (1) Foreknowledge means that God purposed from eternity to love and redeem the human race through Christ (Romans 5:8; John 3:16). The recipient of God’s foreknowledge or fore-love is stated in the plural and refers to the Church. (We will discuss what Predestination means later in our study of the Book of Ephesians.)

2. What proof do we have that God will freely give us all things? (Romans 8:32)_____
3. According to Romans 8:34,
 - (a) Who is the only One that condemneth?_____
 - (b) Where is Christ now?_____
 - (c) What is He doing for us? _____
4. In all the adversities of Christ’s followers in Romans 8:35,36, what have we been made through it all?_____
5. What is able to separate us from the love of God? (Romans 8:38,39)_____

EIGHTH STUDY

OUR NEW BORN AGAIN NATURE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT (Romans 8:1-27)

Because we have a new nature, a new life in Christ Jesus, *There is therefore now no condemnation* (being declared guilty), to them who live in union with Christ Jesus ; to them who walk in the Spirit and not after the flesh (Romans 8:1; Galatians 5:16). To walk in the Spirit, is to live in the Spirit.

1. From Romans 8:2, What does Paul say made him free from the law of sin and death?_____
2. According to Romans 8:3, How was the law weak?_____
3. How was sin condemned in our flesh? (Romans 8:4)_____
4. According to Romans 8:8, can those who are in the flesh ever please God?_____

Those who are in the flesh obey their own human nature that is against God and His will for their lives. But we who are believers, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells in us (Romans 8:9).

Paul wants us to remember, also, in Romans 8:9b, that if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ living in him, he is not a Christian at all.

We owe nothing to the flesh, because it has no more control over our lives. Living in the flesh

brings death; but if we put to death the practices of the flesh by the Spirit, we shall live (Romans 8:12,13).

Five Immediate Results Of Deliverance From Sin:

(Romans 8:14-16)

- (1) We are the sons of God (8:14)
 - (2) We have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear (8:15)
 - (3) We receive the spirit of adoption
 - (4) We can cry out, "Abba Father!" (8:15)
 - (5) The Spirit itself bears witness with out spirit, that we are the children of God (8:16)
5. There are 7 eternal results of deliverance from sin found in Romans 8:17-25. Name them.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____

- (6) _____
- (7) _____

6. From Romans 8:26,27, when we don't know what to pray as we ought:

- (a) Who helps us? _____
- (b) How does the Holy Spirit help us? _____

(c) Do you think Paul is speaking, in Romans 8:26,27, about praying in tongues? _____

MORE THAN CONQUERORS (Romans 8:28,29)

We know when we pray in the Spirit, that all things work for good to all who love God, and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). This makes us know we are not alone in finding God's will.

We must understand, though, that all things are only working for the good for those who love God and are walking in obedience to His will and Word; not every person who calls themselves a follower of Christ (Psalms 37:17).

This is a great encouragement to us as Children of God that when we encounter anything that troubles us in any way and we give it to God in prayer , He will bring good out of all of it.

1. Can you remember a time in your life when you saw God take a terrible situation and turn it around for you personally? Explain. _____