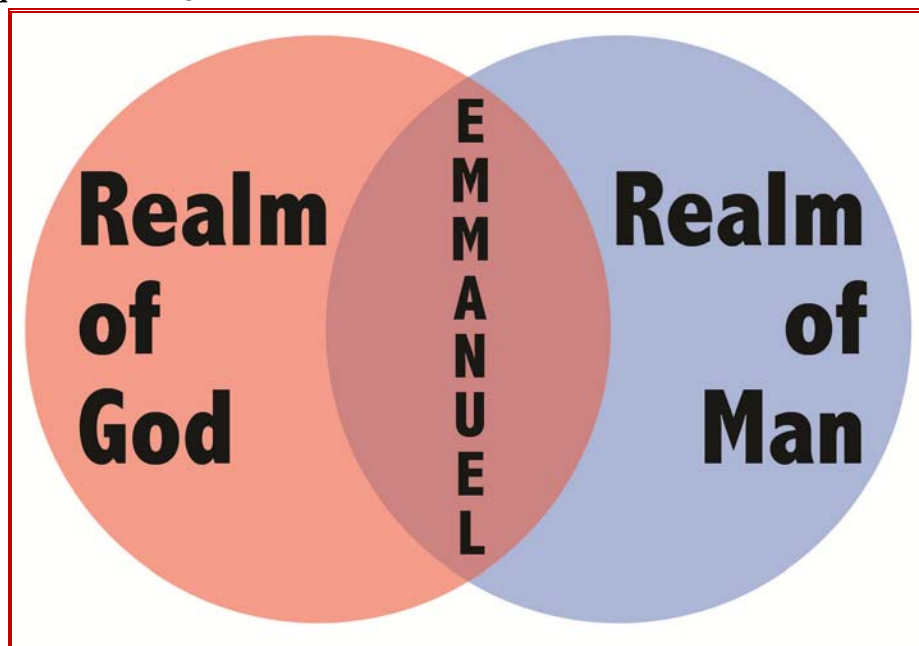


Men's Bible Journey

Christian faith exists simply as a profession of faith in Jesus - Jesus of Nazareth, called the Messiah (The Christ). Wherever Jesus is acknowledged as Lord (or the Christ of God) you have Christian faith. Beyond this simplicity we have divisions and debates.

John Stuart Mill is an English philosopher, political economist, Member of Parliament, and civil servant. One of the most influential thinkers in the history of classical liberalism, he contributed widely to social theory, political theory, and political economy. Dubbed "the most influential English-speaking philosopher," wrote: "mankind cannot too often be reminded that there was once a man of the name of Socrates. That is true; but still more important is to remind mankind again and again that a man of the name of Jesus Christ once stood in their midst."

1. Idolizing Jesus may be no more than Jesuology.
2. This issue is if our Christology is worthy of Jesus and his history.
3. Is our preaching of Christ appropriate to Jesus?
4. Do Jesus and his history demand a Christology?
5. As Christianity passes from one linguistic group to another is the original meaning of the teaching of Jesus being maintained? Have languages changed meaning?
6. If we are to say who Christ truly is, what is this new life he brought (brings) we must use the name of Jesus but the interpretation of it be "the witnesses."
 - a. We must recount and comprehend him in his setting - in our midst.
 - b. We must guard against how time has culturally redefined him.
7. Every question presupposes a context from which the question arises - we are limited by the mind we bring to the quest for the truth of Jesus.
8. If Jesus was really "from above" then every statement from him and about him is adopted for our understanding - he speaks to us in parables - metaphors. *It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.* (John 6:63 RSV)



So lets begin: we will read and think on every line of Romans 8 - Christologically!