

1. Paul's chain of truth in Romans 8

- a. *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the life-giving Spirit in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. For God achieved what the law could not do because it was weakened through the flesh. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and concerning sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous requirement of the law may be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (Rom 8:1 NET)*
- b. *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how we should pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings. (Rom 8:26 NET)*
- c. *What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all- how will he not also, along with him, freely give us all things? (Rom 8:31 NET)*
- d. *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor heavenly rulers, nor things that are present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38 NET)*

2. *The Good News:* God has accomplished what is beyond human flesh and now through (1) that God (2) in Jesus Christ, (3) through the Spirit/spirit, the universal deliverance

- a. Accomplished by God alone
- b. In the fullness of time - central
- c. *By the great GOD ACT - Gethsemane/Golgotha/Joseph's tomb.*
- d. *Nothing of earth can remove this from us - nothing of creation has power to divide!!!*
- e. *The narrative of the cross is the gospel Paul / all preached.*

3. The union of "in Christ" and its "new creation"

- a. *For I decided to be concerned about nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1Co 2:2 NET)*
- b. *When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come with superior eloquence or wisdom as I proclaimed the testimony of God. (1Co 2:1 NET)*
- c. *For Christ is the end of the law, with the result that there is righteousness for everyone who believes. (Rom 10:4 NET)*

4. *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how fathomless his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has first given to God, that God needs to repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever! Amen. (Rom 11:33 NET)*