

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.*

## *Romans*

### A New Life

#### Lesson #11: Glorious Conquerors

##### INTRODUCTION

What evidence of Christ's victory do you see in your life?

##### OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

###### Read Romans 8:18-39

*Note: "Creation (the divine act of making something from nothing)" does not here include the heavenly angels, who, although created beings, are not subject to corruption. The term obviously does not include Satan and his host of fallen angels, the demons. They have no desire for a godly, sinless state and know they are divinely sentenced to eternal torment. Believers are not included in that term either, because they are mentioned separately in verses 23–25. Nor is Paul referring to unbelievers. The only remaining part of creation is the "non-rational" part, including animals and plants and all inanimate things such as the mountains, rivers, plains, seas, and heavenly bodies. Because of man's sin, no part of nature exists as God intended. 1 Pet 3:13 Despite the curse, God's majesty and gracious provision for man are still evident. <sup>1</sup>*

1. What are the "sufferings" mentioned in verse 18? **Gen 3:17-19**
2. How can our expectation (hope) help us cope with our present problems and sufferings? **2 Pet 3:13**
3. Since believers have the Holy Spirit, what are our chances for a future inheritance? **Vv 23-25; 1 Pet 1:3-5**
4. How can the Spirit help encourage us? **Vv. 26-27**
5. What is God's "good" purpose for us? **Eph 1:4; 2 Tim 1:9; Phil 1:6; 2:12-13**
6. How do we know God accomplishes his purpose for us? **Gen 22:16-18; Eph 2:10; Jer 29:11**
7. Why can no one condemn God's elect? **Vv 34-35; Isa 50:9**
8. How might trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger or the threat of death cause us to question God's love for us?
9. Why do some people think that Christians should not have any problems (suffer)? **Phil 1:29; Ja 1:2**
10. How are we more than conquerors? **Gal 2:20**

##### APPLICATION

Contemplate how the Holy Spirit gave you not only victory over sin but also comfort, strength, assurance and hope for a glorious future! How can you help others in their difficult situation (s)?

*"My friend, salvation is a love story. We love Him because He first loved us. Nothing can separate us from that. We entered this chapter with no condemnation; we conclude it with no separation; and in between all things work together for good. Can you improve on this, friend? This is wonderful!"*  
*Thru the Bible with J. Vernon McGee Vol IV, p. 707*

*Jews were familiar with God's promise of a redeemed world, a renewed creation. In behalf of the Lord, Isaiah predicted, "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind" (Isa. 65:17). Jews anticipated a glorious time when all pain, oppression, slavery, anxiety, sorrow, and persecution would end and the Lord would establish His own perfect kingdom of peace and righteousness. <sup>2</sup>*

<sup>1 2</sup> MacArthur, J. (1996). *Romans* (453; 452). Chicago: Moody Press.