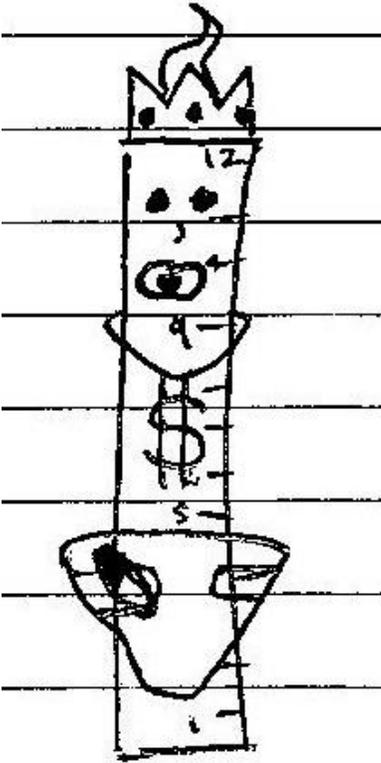


Family Devotion #28

For the Week of April 15, 2018



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Beloved,

Over last three weeks we have been in the book of Romans chapter eight. In the form of a review with your family please go back over this pericope and discuss/define what Scripture records here. Do not assume that everyone understands terms that will be encountered. For example in verse one have everyone develop a good theological understanding of the phrase, *no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus*. What does this word *condemnation* mean? What does the Bible mean when it says, *those who are in Christ Jesus*? Work on having a good understanding of what the Law is in verse two. Who is the Spirit in this passage? Lay out a plan for yourself and your little ones describing how you can walk according to the Spirit and not according to the flesh, what does that mean anyway? You get the picture.

A wonderful doctrine is found in verse nine, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in believers, have everyone understand what this means, when it happens, and the benefits of having the Holy Spirit within.

In verse eleven we read about our mortal bodies. Believer's bodies will be raised in the future. There have been many who were genuine believers in Jesus as Savior and died. What does the Bible teach about where they are now and what is going on with the old body of flesh at this time? What are some verses that give clarity to this?

In verses twelve through seventeen to live according to the flesh is death. To live according to the Spirit believers put to death the deeds of the body and live, what exactly does this mean?

What is the meaning of receiving a spirit of slavery verses a spirit of adoption as sons?

How can believes know that they are children of God as is taught in verse sixteen? Discuss the concept of Christian suffering. Are believers supposed to suffer for their faith? Describe some ways this can happen today.

In verses nineteen through twenty-two Paul wrote about all of creation being subjected to the effects of the fall. Using Scripture, find ways in which creation has been affected by the fall.

Verses twenty-three through twenty-five address believer's adoption as sons, and the redemption of our body. For now those in Christ who die are immediately in the presence of the Lord, this old body is left behind until the redemption of the body as is stated in verse twenty-three. Where can more information regarding this be found in the Bible?

Verses twenty-four and twenty-five have the word "hope" in them five times in the NASB. What is a good definition for this word in this context?

Finally, in verses twenty-six and twenty-seven Paul writes about one of the benefits of Having the Holy Spirit within believers. Search out the Scriptures to find more information on the work of the Spirit in the lives of believers. This section is closed with these words, . . . *according to the will of God*. With this in mind, read Matthew chapter six verses seven through fifteen for instruction in prayer from Jesus.

Beloved, I have written the above study knowing that this is a study of and for a lifetime! It is amazing how there is so much doctrine/theology in this chapter, and believe me, we are not through with it yet! So, dig in, dive in, and enjoy searching out the truths of God's Word.

Blessings,

Pastor Gary