

Romans 8 Fugetaboudit  
12/13/09 - The Exchange

- I. Running start, chapter reviews
  - A. Largely self explanatory, we make it more complicated.
  - B. Also largely biographical, makes it tougher but easier to teach.
- II. 8:1-11
  - A. 8:1 The point. John 3:14-21. Fugedaboudit.
    - 1. Condemnation from the law, self (Rom. 7), others (legalism).
    - 2. A test - you are walking according to...
    - 3. My rev. Me: I'm sorry for being out of you. Jesus - You can't be out of me. Me: Wow! Jesus is the door, but not revolving.
  - B. 8:2-7 The why
    - 1. 8:2
      - a) made me free - keep context of society in mind. Born a Roman, buy citizenship, born a slave. Having died as slaves of sin we have been reborn as freeborn citizens of a different kingdom. Phil. 3:20.
      - b) Like diplomatic immunity in movies. Subject to higher law.
    - 2. 8:3-4 The gospel
    - 3. 8:5-7 A test - where is your mind? Like heart and treasure.
  - C. 8:8-11 The now
    - 1. The one you feed is the one who lives.
    - 2. This is it. This is what Jesus on the cross is all about for us on this side of eternity. Is this happening in your life personally?
    - 3. Families, is this being reflected in your homes?
    - 4. Where is the Holy Spirit in your life? Afraid?
- III. 8:12-30
  - A. 8:12-17
    - 1. Costs us everything. Not to earn, but we will want to give.
    - 2. Are you just knowing it, or are you living it?
    - 3. What is your relationship to God? Bound as a slave under fear, or adopted as a child?
    - 4. We are heirs with Christ, which means we get what He gets.
  - B. 8:18-25
    - 1. 8:18 A "this had better be worth it" mentality?
    - 2. 8:19-21 Creation, also under the curse, is looking forward to it's own resurrection, so to speak.
    - 3. 8:22-25 We, too are looking forward to our redemption being completed in resurrection. Phil. 3:21+ Hope. Not an escapist mentality, a future reality.
  - C. 8:26-30
    - 1. 8:26-27 When we don't give up and hang on to that relationship with God, the Spirit Himself goes to bat for us.
    - 2. 8:28-30 The point is not an isolated mini-study on predestination vs. free will. The point is that this is an overview of the life of a believer, again heirs with Christ, parallel experiences.
      - a) Source of suffering? Condemnation.

- b) Leads to this thinking - Why am I going through this? i'm feeling farther and farther from God. Is He mad at me? Is He leaving me? Did He stop loving me?
- IV. **8:31-39** This is about God's love for you. God centric, not man centric
- A. **8:31-37**
    - i. **8:31-34**
      - a) The rhetorical point of these questions is that God's ability to love us, our ability to stay in relationship with Him, all rests in what He has done, not what we do. **My revelation.**
      - b) Fear.
        - (1) Personal fear.
        - (2) Fear-mongering ministries.
        - (3) Fear of the Holy Spirit.
    - 2. **8:35-37** This list is all experienced on a human, earthly level. While appearing to be defeated we are not just victors in Christ, we are more/above/beyond victors/conquerers **through Him who loved us.** Demonstrated how? Jesus' death and res. Fugedaboutit.
  - B. **8:38-39**
    - 1. This list is mostly on a supernatural, spiritual level, then Paul encompasses basically everything in creation.
    - 2. Again, this is about being separated from God's love for us, not our love for God.
    - 3. In the context of the letter, God's love for us (or lack thereof) is not based on our ethnicity/nationality, it is not based on our own righteousness or our righteousness as compared to others, and it isn't maintained or kept distant by anything we do or don't do. **God has decided to love you, to love me. No thing can change that.**
- V. **Wrap up**
- A. The point of the letter as demonstrated in this chapter is that the Gospel is God's power to save and driven by God's love for us. It is God centric. We need to remember and walk in that.
  - B. But what if we do sin? What if we slip into a pattern of sin?
    - 1. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us.
    - 2. Jesus intercedes for us, **1 John 2:1-2.**
    - 3. We can confess and move along, **1 John 1:9.**
  - C. **8:1.** Fugedaboutit.