

Friday

The fourth question so important to my hope level is, “*What is my view of God?*” How would you summarize your answer to that question after all you’ve learned in the hope series?

Read Romans 8:31-39. How does Paul describe God’s relationship to the believer in these verses?

List three or more things God is doing for you, according to these verses:

What difference should this make to your hope level to believe these things?

Lord, today I want to thank you for all you have done and do for me. Who am I, to receive such grace and love? I love you because you first loved me!

Saturday

This weekend we begin a new Christmas series on the incarnation of Christ, “Heaven and Nature.” Please pray that many will be inspired to a deep walk with Christ during this time. In preparation for this weekend’s message, read Hebrews 1:1–3.



WEEK 8

CELEBRATION WEEKEND

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Romans 8:1–39 is a great summary of the truths we’ve learned in this study

Key Phrase: “ _____ ”

This description is in the Bible _____ times!

In Christ, I can have...

1. A life without _____ [Romans 8:1–17]

THEREFORE THERE IS NOW **NO CONDEMNATION** FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS. [Romans 8:1 NIV; See John 3:17–18]

THE SPIRIT HIMSELF TESTIFIES WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE GOD’S CHILDREN. NOW IF WE ARE CHILDREN, THEN WE ARE HEIRS — HEIRS OF GOD AND CO-HEIRS WITH CHRIST. [Romans 8:16–17a]

2. A life without _____ [Romans 8:11,18–27]

...HE WHO RAISED CHRIST FROM THE DEAD WILL ALSO GIVE LIFE TO YOUR MORTAL BODIES... [Romans 8:11b NIV]

...OUR **PRESENT SUFFERINGS** ARE NOT WORTH COMPARING WITH **THE GLORY** THAT WILL BE REVEALED IN US. [Romans 8:18b]

3. A life without _____ [Romans 8:28–30]

AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. [Romans 8:28]

4. A life without _____ [Romans 8:31–34]

WHAT, THEN, SHALL WE SAY IN RESPONSE TO THIS? IF GOD IS **FOR** US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? [Romans 8:31, also v. 37]

SINCE HE DID NOT SPARE EVEN HIS OWN SON FOR US, BUT GAVE HIM UP FOR US ALL, WON'T HE ALSO SURELY GIVE US EVERYTHING ELSE? [Romans 8:32 LB] (See Hebrews 13:6)

5. A life without _____ [Romans 8:35–39]

FOR I AM CONVINCED THAT... **NOTHING** WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. [Romans 8:38a–39b NIV]

“Mind Your ABCs...”

A _____ B _____ C _____

Borrowed from Dr. Martin Seligman

As I believe these truths, I _____ with _____

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE **AS YOU TRUST IN HIM**, SO THAT YOU MAY **OVERFLOW WITH HOPE** BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. [Romans 15:13 NIV]

The bottom line:

My hope level is determined by my _____ level

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Monday

At the start of this hope study, we looked at 4 key questions that determine your hope level. The first is “*What is my view of myself?*” How would you summarize your answer to that question based on what you have learned in this Hope series?

Read Romans 8:1–16. What does Paul say regarding those who are in Christ Jesus?

What does verse 15 say about what you received from God — and what you did not receive?

Lord, thank you for your love for me! Thank you that in your eyes I am not under condemnation, but have the power of the Spirit to live a full life, and I am your child!

Tuesday

Another of the questions that determine your hope level is “*What does my future hold?*” How would you summarize your answer to that question after all you’ve learned in the Hope series?

Read Romans 8:18–31. Paul says our present sufferings are not worth comparing with what?

Like the end of a beautiful novel, how will this world’s story will end (verse 21)?

How does knowing this is in my future help me today?

Lord, thank you for the assurance that one day all of creation, including myself, will be renewed. Thank you for the promise of the glory that will be revealed on that day. Help me to have this as part of my hopeful perspective!

Wednesday

Another question that determines my hope level is “*What is the outcome of suffering?*” How would you summarize your answer to that question after all you’ve learned in the Hope series?

What does Romans 8:28–30 say in answer to this question?

Notice the sequence in verses 29–30. How does this reassure you? What point do you think Paul is making here?

Lord, thank you that one outcome of suffering for a Christian is that I am conformed to the image of Christ. Thank you that ultimately you promise to use it all for the good. Please open my eyes so that I may be blessed with some examples of how you are doing this all around me already.

Thursday

Happy Thanksgiving! Read Philippians 4:6–7. How do these verses say to pray?

What will be the outcome of such thankful prayers?

Based on what you have learned about your hope in Christ during the Hope study, what are you thankful about in answer to these questions:

Who am I? I am thankful that the Bible says I am...

Who is God? I am thankful that the Bible says God is...

What is the outcome of suffering? I am thankful that the Bible says the outcome of suffering is...

What does the future hold? I am thankful that the Bible says the future holds this for me...

Give God thanks for those things in prayer today!



What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? [Romans 8:31 NIV]