# **Romans 8: Christianity in a Nutshell**

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The following pages contain additional resources and information provided by our speaker for your continued study and enrichment.



## "Safe and Secure" (Romans 8: 1-11)

Welcome to the incredible highpoint of the Book of Romans—the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter! The book is divided into 4 great segments: *The Wrath of God (Romans 1:18-3:20), The Grace of God (Romans 3:21-8:39), The Plan of God (Romans 9-11),* and the *Will of God (Romans 12:1-15:33)* The old saying goes, *"It's always darkest before the dawn."* After closing chapter 7 on a low note, Paul climbs to a crescendo in chapter 8. He reminds us of four facts that should settle every heart.

## I. Our Punishment is Done (VERSE 1)

II. Our Position is Defined (VERSE 1b)

#### III. Our Power is Dynamic (VERSES 3-4, 9)

#### IV. Our Practice is Different (VERSES 5-11)

- A. The Unbeliever
- **B.** The Believer

## "The New You" (Romans 8:12-18)

Most people love new stuff: a new car, a new set of clothes, a new puppy, a new haircut, a new adventure. But the best *new thing* you could have is a new *you!* Being a Christian isn't a temporary reformation but a total transformation. When the Holy Spirit gets hold of a person's life, He begins the process of a total makeover—changing you from the inside out. As a Christian believer, these are among the changes you can expect to see.

### I. A New Relation (VERSES 14-17)

#### II. A New Motivation (VERSE 14)

#### III. A New Validation (VERSE 16)

IV. A New Compensation (VERSES 17-18)

## "The Steady Hand of a Caring God" (Romans 8:28-30)

The world, to many people, seems to be a random place where anything can happen. But a believer can (and should) step firmly onto the soil of life. Why? Not just because God exists, but also because God cares! There is not a single atom nor molecule out of place in God's universe; His hands and heart are steadily controlling your every breath. Let's examine some of the richest truths about the quality of care from a loving God:

## I. The Certainty of God's Care

#### II. The Comprehensiveness of God's Care

#### **III. The Cohesiveness of God's Care**

## **IV. The Culmination of God's Care**

## V. The Condition of God's Care

## VI. The Continuation of God's Care

## "A Mid-Term Exam"

## Five Questions to Test Your Understanding: (Romans 8:31-34)

In the middle of any given course or semester, a test consisting of questions are given. This does two things: it measures the student's grasp of the course materials and it helps to identify any areas that need work. Right in the middle of his 16 chapter book, Paul gives his readers a series of questions to jog our spiritual memory and face some wonderful realities about the love of God. Lets consider five questions in these verses.

### I. A Question of Reaction (VERSE 31a)

## II. A Question of Opposition (VERSE 31b)

#### III. A Question of Qualification (VERSE 32)

#### IV. A Question of Accusation (VERSE 33)

## V. A Question of Condemnation (VERSE 34)