**Summary to Romans 1-8:39**

**“Freedom from wrath’ (Katakrima)**

**Condemnation - Rom. 1:16-3:20 – God gave us what we “wanted”**

**God is angry at humanity and so “gives them up” to sin and enslavement, known as “wrath” (1:18, 24, 26, 28) or “katakrima” (trans. “condemnation)**

**Justification - Roman 2:21-4:25 – Only justified (“declared righteous”) people can be delivered from wrath**

**Sanctification - Romans 5:1-8:39 – to be ‘set apart’ to God and delivered from wrath (enslavement to sin)**

**Since all are sinful and unrighteous, the only hope for humanity is to acquire God’s righteousness by faith.**

* **Justification based on the death of Christ brings peace with God, but deliverance from wrath is based on His life (5:1-10)**
* **Adam brought sin, death, and enslavement (katakrima); Jesus brought righteousness, life, and the possibility of freedom (5:12-21).**
* **Our union with Jesus and His death, burial, and resurrection brings a new identity and the basis of new life in Him. (Ch. 6).**
* **What hinders the experience of our new life is that believers are still in a body that enslaves the inner person, the “real” us, to sin (Ch. 7).**
* **Those who walk in the Spirit’s power won’t live under katakrima or enslavement to sin, as the Spirit will make their dead bodies alive (Rom. 8:1-11).**
* **When we walk according to the Spirit, we are living as “adult sons” and no longer are “obligated” to live under enslavement as unbelievers and carnal believers do (8:12-15).**
* **While all believers are heirs, those who suffer with Jesus become co-heirs with Him and realize that reality in the coming Kingdom. All creation awaits the coming Kingdom in which believer experience freedom and the Sons of God have their reward manifested as co-heirs (8:16-25).**
* **Suffering believers are encouraged by the reality of the coming Kingdom, the Spirit’s intercession and the promise that God will work all things together for good. Future co-heirs also have comfort in the reality that God knew them in eternity past, planned conformity to Jesus, called them to reward by suffering rightly (1 Pet. 2:21) and that He will vindicate their faith and glorify them with Christ in eternity (8:26-30).**
* **The bottom-line of what preceded is that God is “for us” and will graciously support and sustain those who suffer with Him leading them to ultimate and overwhelming victory (8:31-39).**

**Today’s Text: Romans 8:31-39 – All the support you need!**

**God is for us**

**8:31 - “These things” The preceding passage; (likely) the process of glorifying suffering believers. God will conform them to the likeness of Christ, call them to suffer with Him, vindicate them at the Bema Seat, and glorify them with Jesus.**

**Suffering believers can count on God’s strong support; He is “for us”!!**

**Who can (effectively) be against us? No one**

* **Katakrima – All unbelievers and carnal believers are under katakrima (wrath), but those who suffer with Him are not**

**8:32 – Rhetorical: if Jesus would die for us, why would we imagine He wouldn’t share the Kingdom with us? Meaning, HE WILL!!**

**What about those who are “against us”?**

**8:33 – Rhetorical; “If God is for us, no one can effectively be against us”**

* **“God’s elect” Hodges correctly observes that these “chosen ones” are those God knew beforehand in 8:29.**
* **“Elect” is often used of those chosen to serve, invited or selected for a task, like the Apostles or the “elect pilgrims” NOTICE: 1 Peter 1:21**
* **“Called” or “invited” to suffer well like Jesus. To “suffer with Him” believers must walk in the Spirit.**
* **God “proves to be right” or “vindicates” believers who suffer with Him.**

**8:34**

* **Who is he who condemns? = “A judicial pronouncement of punishment” BDAG “You’re being punished by God!”**
* **But they are not under punishment from God, as Christ died and was raised and prays for them at the right hand of God. His life delivers us from enslavement.**

**Victory!**

* **Intercessory ministry – Heb. 7:25 He is able to completely bring to victory those who suffer with the Son.**
* **8:35-37 – God ensures that believers who suffer with Jesus will be “Super-conquerors”**
* **8:35-39 - Nothing that can or will happen can separate those who suffer with Jesus from God’s love!**