

#8: *The Question, Four Times*

“To be or not to be. That is the question”!

And this most famous chapter of “Romans” raises this question in four different ways! Each with huge life-impacting implications!

REVIEW:

ROMANS 5-8 “THE BENEFITS OF BEING JUSTIFIED”

- **5:1-11** **A five point list:** *We have peace/grace/hope/perseverance/God Himself*
- **5:12-21** **A comparison:** *Related to Adam vs Related to Christ*
- **ROMANS 6** **Two Questions** about our relationship to sin
- **ROMANS 7** **Two Questions** about our relationship to the Law
- **8:1-39** **The five point list explained**

I. **Romans 8:1-11** **Being “In Christ” completely addresses all of our problems with God**

SEVEN BRILLIANT BENEFITS of being “in Christ Jesus”

- Verse 1 There is no condemnation
- Verse 2 We are set free from “the law of sin and of death”
- Verse 4 “The requirement of the Law” is fulfilled in us
- Verse 5 Our minds have been set on the things of the Spirit
- Verse 9 The Spirit of God dwells in us
- Verse 10 Our spirits are “alive”
- Verse 11 God will “give life” to our mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in them

➔ **To be or not to be in Christ? That is the question.**

II. **Romans 8:12-17** **Being “In Christ” obligates us in two intimidating ways**

- Verse 13 To be “putting to death the deeds of the body” (Lots of refusing to do what we feel like doing)
- Verse 17 To be willing to “suffer with Christ” (A certain amount of suffering)

➔ **To be or not to be faithful? That is the question.**

III. Romans 8:18-30 Being "In Christ," our suffering, in every detail, does us great good

THE COMPARISON Verse 18 The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

THE PROMISE Verse 28 God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

THE PLAN Verses 29,30 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined, called, justified, glorified.

→ To be or not to be brave? That is the question.

IV. Romans 8:31-39 Being "In Christ," we overwhelmingly conquer every challenge

- Verse 32 God will with Him freely give us all things
- Verse 33 As God's elect, no one can condemn us
- Verse 35 Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ

→ To be or not to be confident? That is the question.