

REVIEW WEEK 1: EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR A GODLY LIFE

Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV) — ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

2 Peter 1:3 (ESV) — ³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

INTRODUCTION — ROMANS 8:1-30

- The Spirit dwelling in us (Romans 8:1-13)
 - No condemnation of sin
 - Free from the power of sin
- An honored position in God's family (Romans 8:14-17)
- A glorious future to look forward to (Romans 8:18-30)
- God on our side (Romans 8:31-39)

NOTHING SEPARATES US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD — ROMANS 8:31-39

God is Our PROTECTOR: "Who Can Be Against Us?" v.31

- "Who can be against us?"
 - Satan is against us, trying to defeat us and destroy us.
 - Our old sin nature is lined up against us, trying to bring us back into our old slavery.
 - Unbelievers may be against us, jealous of our peace and joy, resentful of our separation from sin.
- Paul isn't saying that the Christians have no opponents. The point is that it makes no difference who is against us.

Psalm 118:5-9 (ESV) — ⁵ Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. ⁶ The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? ⁷ The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. ⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

God is Our PROVIDER: "Will He Not Give Us All Things?" v.32

John 3:16-18 (ESV) — ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

- Reflect on Abraham and Issac in Genesis 22:1-18
- In the case of God's ONLY son, God delivered Him up, the jewel of heaven, for us.
 - He allowed Jesus to go to Calvary and there bear in His body the awful pain and suffering that our sins deserved.
- Jesus said: "...one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (Luke 12:15).
 - God is going to supply our physical and material needs. (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19). But He never promised to cater to our "greeds".
 - J.J. Packer: "...one day we shall see that nothing--literally nothing--which could have increased our eternal happiness has been denied us, and that nothing--literally nothing--that could have reduced that happiness has been left with us" (Knowing God, p. 246).

God Is Our DEFENDER: vv.33-34

- Judge: We stand before the divine Judge – God the Father!
- Accuser: The prosecuting attorney, ‘the accuser’, one who condemns
 - Satan – Others – Self
- Defender: Christ Jesus! (*The Father delegates judgement of the living and the dead to His Son*)

Revelation 12:10–11 (ESV) – ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

- If God has forgiven me knowing full well how rotten I am, then nobody, but NOBODY, can challenge His verdict. Satan has no court of appeal. He gets nowhere with his charges.
- Remember how this chapter started? "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus."

God is Our KEEPER: "Who Shall Separate Us from the Love of Christ?" vv.35-39

- Psalm 139 tells us that there is no place we can go that God is not there.
 - "How could God allow this to happen to me if He really loved me?"
 - "If God loved me, He would OR wouldn't..."
- In this life we will have trouble – believers and nonbelievers

John 16:33 (NIV) – ³³ "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

- God loves His children! He's on your side. Nothing can touch your life that does not first pass through His protecting shield of love that surrounds you. And remembering that can help you live triumphantly in times of trial as well as times of temptation.

TAKE AWAY: _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- God promises His love for believers, what are times in your life that you've experienced God's love?
- What lies are you believing that prevent you from seeing God's love for you?
- During times of trial, hurt, shame, etc. what helps you believe God's promise that He hasn't abandoned you?
- Who in your life needs to be reminded and encouraged that God loves them?



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