

ROMANS

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and decisions and how unfathomable and untraceable are His ways!

Romans 11:33

I. The Everlasting Gobstopper

Romans 10:9-11&13

Heart → _____ & Mouth → _____ = _____
8:10 8:9 8:13

II. The Conflict

Romans 7:14-15 & 24-25 and 8:1-6 & 13-16

_____ = Life & _____ = Death
8:2 8:6

III. Character Development

Romans 5:2-5

Rejoice in _____ & the _____, BUT ALSO, in
our _____ & our _____ because

_____ → _____ → _____
→ _____.

Romans 8:24

Hope is _____

Romans 15:13

How much hope? _____

IV. The Glass Elevator

Romans 8:38-39 & 11:33

Discussion

1. The Equation of God's gift of salvation through His Son Jesus Christ is simple math given in Romans 10:9-11 & 13. Sometimes it can feel challenging or even overwhelming to try and adequately communicate the gospel. So consequently, we can easily err on holding our tongue when we feel stirred to share with someone. Martin Luther stated, "God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars." Is there something or an insight you can share that is helpful to you when communicating the gospel?
2. In the daily battle of Flesh vs. Spirit, what training, weightlifting or diet builds either one of the two in you? Can you see a distinct difference of those times in your life that proved true the equation in Romans 5:3-5, hardship/suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character, which in turn, produces hope?
3. It is easy to think that we are foolish to believe there is still hope when we cannot see it. But when you read in Romans 8:24, "hope that is seen is not hope," can you think of a time when you could not see hope, yet it was there, either for yourself or someone else?
4. What does Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will abound in hope and overflow with confidence in His promises," personally translate to you? Is there a specific area or situation you can apply this to in your life?
5. Romans 8:37-39 says, "we are more than conquerors and gain overwhelming victory through Him who loved us." And that nothing, nothing and no one can separate us from the love of God, which is in Jesus. When you have that kind of insurance and assurance, is there anything that comes to mind that empowers you to want to act upon or take a step of faith in?
6. What is a way or an action you might lean into to strengthen or better develop the Spirit in you this week?