

Romans 8:5-39 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From 8:14-17 who is clearly a “son” of God (v14) and how does the Spirit encourage us (v15, 16)? What does He not do (v15)? What is our hope and its condition (v17)? Explain.

5. According to 8:18-21 what 2 things are certain and how do they compare (v18, 21)? How is creation affected by this (v19, 20) and to what does it have to look forward (v21)?

6. Based on 8:22-25 what groans right now (v22, 23) and why (v22, 23)? Describe what were we given at salvation (v24) and how this should affect us (v25)?

7. Looking at 8:26-27 who helps our weakness/groaning (v26) and specifically in what way (v26)? What are His groanings (v27) and what is the result (v27)?

8. Read 8:28-30. What other truth encourages us as we groan (v28) and who receives it (v28)? What is the assurance of those called (v29-30) and their purpose (v29)? How can you apply this?

9. Using 8:31-34 what facts are declared (v31, 33, 34), how is it proven (v32) and what are its effects (v31, 32, 33, 34)? How should this make us feel (v31)?

10. From 8:35-39 what question is raised and how should it be answered (v35)? List all the things that make us feel separated from God at times (v35-39)? What must we trust and why (v37, 39)?

11 Looking back over 8:5-39 explain how life in the Spirit, living as a son, and being locked in God’s love should look in your life. Why should this give daily spiritual victory?

Scripture to Remember

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”

Romans 8:31-32 (NAS)

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Life Group Questions—Choose to Stand (Matt 10:32; 7:21; 5:13-16)

(Using questions from Sunday’s sermon, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship, helping us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share about a time that you had to take a stand for what you believed in, or to protect someone else. What fears did you have? How did it turn out?
2. Read Matt 10:32. What is the context for these words (10:1, 5, 26-31)? What does this show about the cost of following Jesus? What are we told to do and why is this difficult?
3. Why is it vital to confess Jesus “with our lips”, as well as with our life (see Acts 1:8, Rom 10:9-10, 1 Jn 4:1-3)? What are some things that keep you from doing this?
4. Look at Matt 7:21 and John 14:15. What does Jesus tell us to do in these verses? Explain how confessing Jesus with your lips and with your life goes hand in hand.
5. Talk about why Jesus used the image of salt—what is its value, purpose and use—to show how we are similarly to take our “stand” in the world for Him.
6. Discuss the importance of being light in this dark world. Each one evaluate yourselves—are you adding to the light or the darkness? Why do unconfessed sin and suffering tend to cover the light in your lives? Talk about what you can do about this.
7. Specifically talk about ways to take a stand for Jesus this week with your lips and with your lives, being salt and light.



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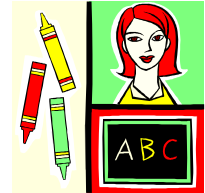
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A Spiritual Hat Trick Romans 8:5-39



The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for God’s mission

A “hat trick” is the scoring of at least three goals in a hockey game, a feat that “The Great One”, Wayne Gretzky, accomplished a record fifty times his twenty year NHL career. It almost always assures the team of victory. Similarly, the theme of Romans 8 is the believer’s victory in Christ, and in this chapter a spiritual “hat trick” is outlined; the activation of these three truths in a believer’s life assures true spiritual success. The first mentioned is life by God’s Spirit. The contrast to this is living “in the flesh” and when this occurs the mind is hostile to God and cannot please Him, and our actions ultimately lead to death. Instead we must walk according to the Spirit and set our mind on His things, thus insuring spiritual success not only in

this life but in the life to come. Next, believers must live as God’s sons. The contrast to this is living in slavery to the Law, which leads to fear. God, though, wants us to live in the mindset that He is our “Abba”, Father. “Abba” was a term of endearment then, much like our “Daddy”, now. The Spirit also bears witness with ours that we are His children, meaning that we have an inheritance awaiting us in heaven. The caveat is that in this life we suffer with Him; but that is nothing compared to our glory in the next. This is true of all creation, which also groans as it awaits this glory when the sons of God are revealed. Even the Spirit of God groans with us and intercedes with God according to His will. This helps our weakness, as does the confidence that God is causing

Understanding the basics of Christianity will help us to grow to maturity.

all things to work together for our good. In the end His purpose is that each of us is conformed to the image of His Son, so glory is inevitable. Finally, spiritual success is guaranteed because we are locked securely in God’s love. Since God didn’t even spare Jesus in His expression of love, we can be sure that He will give us all good things. No physical, emotional, or spiritual distress, and no force or event in heaven or earth will separate us from His love; rather, we will overwhelmingly conquer all. This spiritual hat trick of life in the Spirit, our sonship, and His love guarantees our success.

Study Questions for Romans 8:4-39

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study%20questions))

1. Read Romans 8:5-8. What 2 groups are in view and what does each do (v5)? What are the results of each (v6)? What 4 things characterize the “mind set on the flesh” (v7-8)?	
2. Based on 8:9-11 who has the Spirit of God/Christ (v9) and what are the present (v10) and future (v11) results of His presence? Why (v10, 11)? What if a person doesn’t have the Spirit (v9)?	
3. Using 8:12-13 by what “rule” should Christians <i>not</i> live (v12) and how are we to practically apply this (v13)? What 2 things show the seriousness of this instruction (v12, 13)? Explain how to do this.	

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