



The Book of Romans

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church
August 18: Revelation of the Sons of God
Romans 8:12-30

What's wrong with the phrase, "Everything happens for a reason"?

Romans 8:12-13

What happens if we live according to the flesh? What kind of death does Paul mean?

What does a Spirit-directed life include?

Romans 8:14-17

What does it mean to be a child of God?

"We have access to God in the Spirit; we call Him Father; we can even use Jesus' own Aramaic word 'Abba' when we speak to Him. God has drawn so close to us in His Son, and in His Spirit is so near to us, that we can make bold to use the impertinent familiarity of that children's word to call on Him." – Martin Franzmann

Mark 14:36 And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Romans 8:18

What kinds of sufferings does Paul have in mind?

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Roman 8:19-21

What has happened to creation? What is the revelation of the sons of God?

2 Peter 3:13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Roman 8:22-23

To what does Paul compare the groanings of creation?

What do Christians have already?

1 Corinthians 15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For what do we wait?

Romans 8:24-25

What is Paul's view of hope?

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Romans 8:26-27

What is the Spirit's role in our lives? Are our prayers always faithful?

Luke 11:1 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

Romans 8:28

What spiritual principle does Paul set down? What qualifications does he include?

Romans 8:29-30

How do we typically define foreknowledge?

What is foreknowledge in this context?

"To begin with, the distinction between God's foreknowledge and His eternal predestination ought to be kept accurately. God's foreknowledge is nothing else than this: God knows all things before they happen. This foreknowledge extends over the godly and the wicked alike. But it is not the cause of evil or of sin...Predestination, or God's eternal election, covers only the godly, beloved children of God. It is a cause of their salvation, which He also provides." - *The Formula of Concord – Epitome*

September 1: More than Conquers: Romans 8:31-39