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# Romans 8 Ep 3

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The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'



What happened to God's purpose for the whole world?

- 1) Israel sins and falls short
- 2) God rescues Israel
- 3) God gives or reminds Israel of the Law
- 4) God comes to dwell

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For [the] creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For [the] creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that [the] creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

8.1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation...

1-4 ...because of the Messiah's death

12-17... assurance of sonship

17-21 ... assurance of inheritance

22-30... our vocation in the midst of old creation ..... EP

31-39 ... because nothing can separate us from the love of God

EP 5

EP 2

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"Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh..." (8.12)

Qn 1: To whom is this obligation owed?

Qn 2: What is this debt that is owed?

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### 1. Living by the Spirit, Not the Flesh

Paul reminds us that we have an obligation—not to the flesh, but to live according to the Spirit (Rom 8:12).

• What does it mean for you personally to "live by the Spirit" in your current season of life? What are some practical ways to put to death the habits or mindsets of the flesh?

### 2. Our Identity as God's Children

The Spirit testifies that we are God's children and enables us to cry, "Abba, Father" (Rom 8:15–16).

 How does knowing that you are a beloved child of God shape the way you respond to fear, guilt, or insecurity?

## 3. Hope in Suffering and Glory

Paul says our present sufferings cannot compare with the glory to be revealed (Rom 8:18).

 How can we find hope and purpose in seasons of suffering, and how might our response reveal God's glory to others?