

“More than Conquerors – Jesus Christ Is Greater than the Groaning”

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Romans 8 is a glorious chapter identifying our _____ in Christ:

Freedom from _____ ... from domination of sin ... being
_____ (vv. 1-17)

Freedom from _____ amidst the suffering of this present world ...
from random purposelessness (vv. 18-30)

Freedom from _____ – of condemnation ... separation ... alienation ...
abandonment (vv. 31-39) – a zenith of God’s promises!

BUT one thing Paul never promises freedom FROM: the _____ of sin
The brokenness of this world is relentless

Let’s take a look at several of the realities of Romans 8 – realities that will
help us navigate the relentless brokenness of this world...

1-Go back to the _____ – this world was originally a
“_____ - _____ zone – Adam and Eve walked with God in perfect
relationship – no shame, no guilt, no pretense.

The enemy planted a _____ in their hearts – that God was withholding
something good from them. They ate ... and their eyes were _____
to sin and _____ toward God.

2-Give _____ to the cry of your heart – do not _____ that
b/c you belong to God, the brokenness of this world does not hurt as much.

We do not _____ b/c Jesus Christ is greater than the _____
Never does Scripture try to _____ or minimize the hurt of this world

Creation groans ... we groan ... we sigh = _____ language of deep
and enduring _____, when no words are adequate

Give voice to the cry of your heart thru the _____ and thru _____
Music that reflects the depth of my pain but reminds me of the
_____ and faithfulness of God is most powerful

3-Grasp tightly to the One Who _____ and _____ with you
– God Himself – the Creator of the universe – groans with you!

Never is God _____ to our tears-Psalm 56:8 “You have kept count
of my tossings; put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in your book?”

4-Gain a _____ by choosing to believe God's promises – an improbable promise – v. 37

We are _____!
thru HIM Who loved us – Jesus Christ our Deliverer

Jesus Christ always leads us in _____ – 2 Cor. 2:14

We must gain a foothold by clinging to the _____!

Conqueror:

...One who gains control or _____

...One who _____ or surmounts

...One who gains _____ over by overcoming obstacles / opposition

...One who reaches the _____ by climbing

So, today, thru Jesus Christ, we are _____ than conquerors...

... We are able to _____ the lies & doubts the enemy seeks to plant in our hearts

... We are able to _____ & overcome the despair to which our hearts are prone to go

... We are able to _____ that which the enemy intended to be an obstacle ... and see the _____ that God will bring about through our suffering

... We are able to reach a _____ that we would never be able to reach apart from our suffering.

I will stand my ground where hope can be found.

I invite you – to take your stand with me ...
on Jesus Christ, where hope is found – now and forever!