

Looking into Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome

EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE ROMANS

11. Suffering and glory

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A basic outline

We need salvation – our sin deserves **God's wrath**

We can only be **justified** **right with God** through faith in Christ

We must now learn to walk in **be sanctified** **our new life** in Christ

Our need of salvation



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Romans 1:16-17

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Memory 3

Romans 2:1

ESV:

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Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

Justification by faith



Memory 4

Romans 3:21-24

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Sanctification and life in the Spirit



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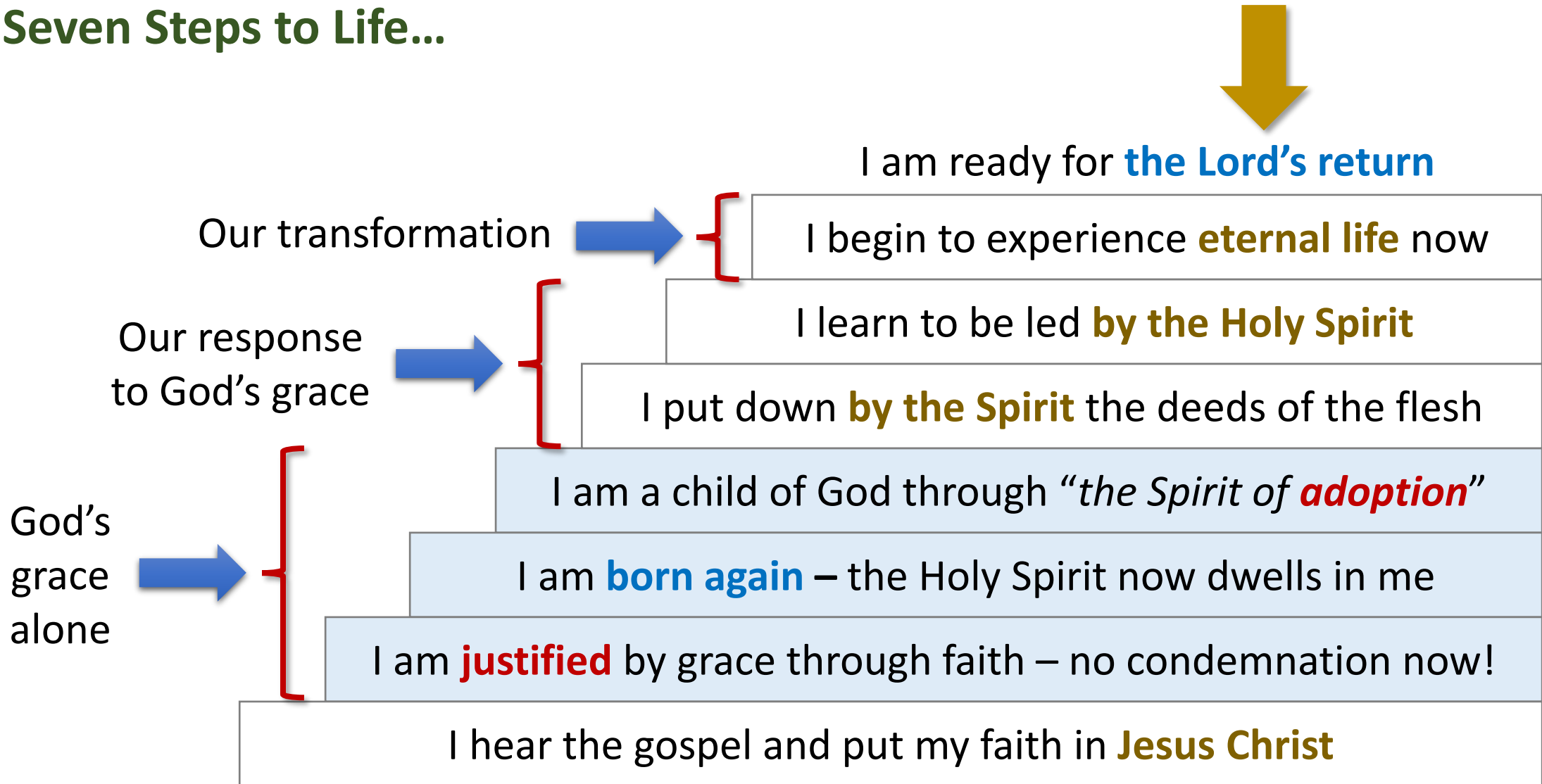
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Seven Steps to Life...



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The Spirit
of adoption

The **Spirit** Himself bears witness with our **spirit** that **we are children of God**,

and if **children**, then **heirs**—
heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,

provided we **suffer with Him**
in order that we may also be **glorified with Him**.

(Romans 8:16-17)



It not how you **start**,
but how you **finish**
the race that counts.

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Romans 8:18-25 – future glory

For I consider that **the sufferings** of this present time are not worth comparing with **the glory** that is to be revealed to us.

(Romans 8:18)

*Five times I received at the hands of the Jews forty stripes minus one.
Three times I was beaten with rods.
Three times I was shipwrecked, and once I was adrift at sea; ...
in toil and hardship, in many watchful nights,
in hunger and cold, in lack of food, in cold and exposure.*

OUR LIGHT AFFLICTION...

(2 Corinthians 4:17)

(2 Corinthians 11:24-27)

Romans 8:18-25 – future glory

Not just us!

For the **creation** waits with eager longing for the revealing of **the sons of God**.

It dies, it is not permanent

Certain

For the **creation** was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in **hope** that the **creation** itself will be set free from its **bondage to corruption** and obtain **the freedom of the glory of the children of God**.

For we know that the whole **creation** has been groaning together in **the pains of childbirth** until now.

(Romans 8:19-22)

The certain hope

Romans 8:18-25 – future glory

Longing for
full salvation

And not only **the creation**, but we ourselves,
who have **the firstfruits of the Spirit**,
groan inwardly as we wait eagerly
for **adoption** as sons,
the **redemption** of our bodies.

The beginning
of salvation

The resurrection of the body

(Romans 8:23)

*Beloved, **we are God's children now**,
and what we will be has not yet appeared...*

(1 John 3:2)

Romans 8:18-25 – future glory

When we believed
we trusted in
God's promise
of **full** salvation

For in this hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope.
For who hopes for what he sees?

But if we hope for what we do not see,
we wait for it with patience.

(Romans 8:24-25)

It is definite

Perseverance

Romans 8:18-25 – future glory

In a few words...

Our suffering now is nothing compared to the coming glory, when even the creation itself will be set free from corruption and death.

Therefore we persevere in hope until we are totally changed.

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Hope sustains us,
and also...

Human limitations
to know
and to express
spiritual things

Likewise **the Spirit helps us** in **our weakness**.

For we do not know what to pray for as we ought,
but **the Spirit Himself** intercedes for us
with **groanings** too deep for words.

(Romans 8:26)



“... with groans that are beyond words.” (NRSV)

“... with sighs too deep for words.” (RSV)

“... and expresses our deepest feelings.” (GNT)


Romans 8:26-30 – Called by God

And He who searches hearts
knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because **the Spirit intercedes for the saints**
according to the will of God.


*I am He who searches
the minds and hearts.*
(Revelation 2:23)

(Romans 8:27)

Romans 8:26-30 – Called by God

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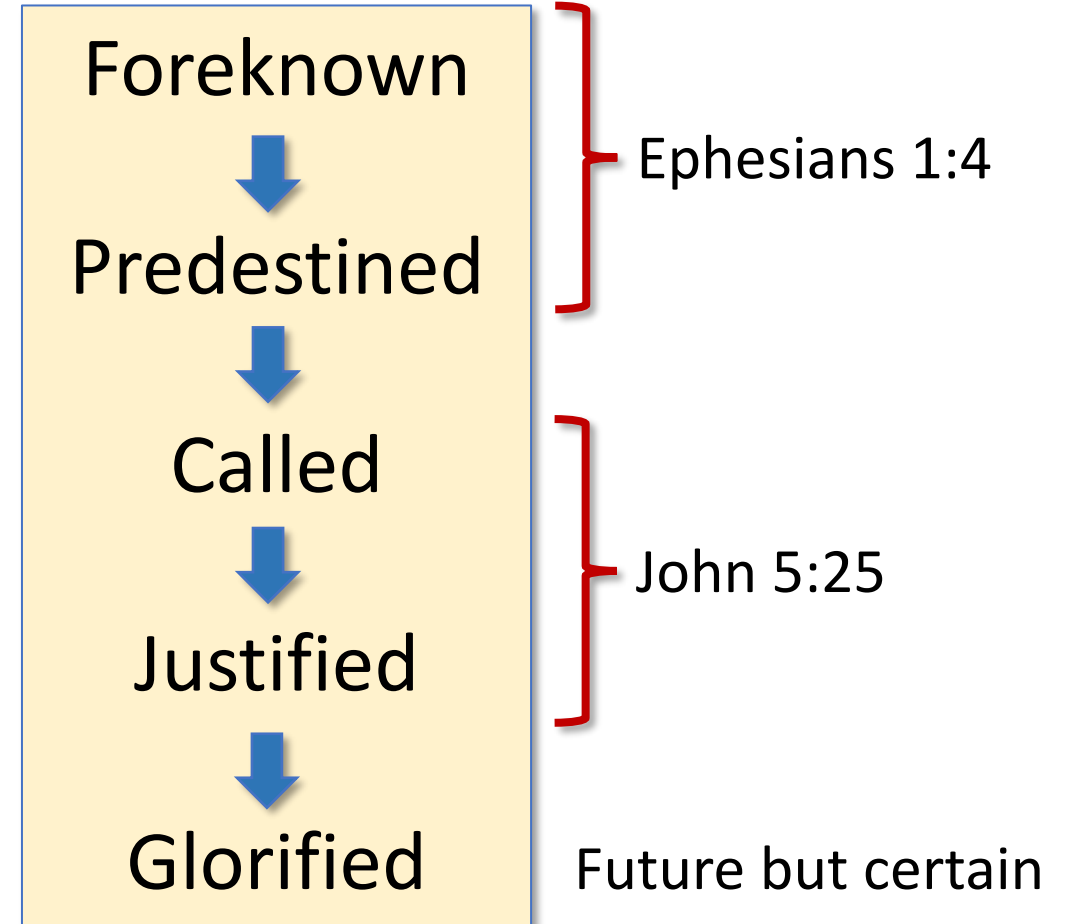
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In a few words...

The Holy Spirit prays for us because God is totally committed to bringing His children to glory, making them like His Son.

We are foreknown, predestined, called, justified and glorified!

What then shall we say to these things?

(Romans 8:31)



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