

**A PREVIEW
OF WHAT IS ARGUABLY
THE GREATEST CHAPTER IN THE BIBLE
ROMANS 8**

I. ROMANS EIGHT IS A GREAT CHAPTER BECAUSE OF THE SCOPE, BREADTH AND DIMENSIONS OF ITS CONTENTS

- A. The Parameters Of This Chapter Embrace The Christian Experience In Its Totality
- B. Within The Parameters Is A Discussion Of The Perplexities The Believer Faces In His Daily Experience
 - 1. An Internal Problem: Indwelling Sin
 - 2. An External Problem: Suffering For Being A Christian
- C. A Brief, General Outline Of The Chapter Reveals These Dimensions

II. ROMANS EIGHT IS A GREAT CHAPTER BECAUSE OF THE SOLACE OF ITS COMFORTS

- A. It Bespeaks The Love Of God
- B. It Affords No Occasion For "Disappointment With God"

III. ROMANS EIGHT IS A GREAT CHAPTER BECAUSE OF THE SECURITY OF ITS CLIMAX

- A. There Are Five Unanswerable Interrogatives
- B. There Are Ten Impossible Separations

A BRIEF AND GENERAL OUTLINE OF ROMANS EIGHT

I. THE BELIEVER'S SECURITY IN SPITE OF HIS STRUGGLES WITH SIN (8:1-17)

(There are 14 references to the sin nature in 8:1-13. Twelve times the word [σάρκός] "Sarkos" is translated "flesh". Two times it is translated "carnal")

II. THE BELIEVER'S SECURITY IN SPITE OF EXTERNAL SUFFERINGS (8:18-30)

(Note how both of these major sections end with the assurance of the experiential realization of future glorification [cf. 8:17 & 8:30])

III. THE BELIEVER'S SECURITY AS SEEN IN HIS PERMANENT HOPE (8:31-39)