

QUESTION #5 FROM ROMANS

WHAT THEN DOES GOD HAVE INSORE FOR ME?

REVIEW:

INTRO:

- Our last question to answer, to focus on will be the fifth question.
- **WHAT DOES MY FUTURE LOOK LIKE?**
- Verses that speak of our future;
- 2:7, 10, 5:2, 21, 8:23, 8:30

ROM. 8:12-18

- The purpose of this section, and in fact the whole chapter, is to bring to the believer the type of assurance and certainty Christians should enjoy as children of God.
- This is all to give us an assurance and a certainty regarding our ultimate, complete and fixed salvation.
- Paul goes on from here to tell us something about the character of this inheritance.
- Now Paul, when speaking of inheriting, has in his heart and mind the Roman law and custom of an heir.
- Not Jewish law or custom.
- According to Roman law all the children of a man were his inheritors and that equally.
- Even adopted children had the exact same share.
- In the Roman law an adopted child was not inferior to a biological child.
- Also, an inherited possession was the most secure of all possessions that one could have.
- More protected than a personal possession.
- This was not the case in Jewish law, where the first-born male received twice as much as the other heirs, he received a double portion.
- This shows us that all, everyone of God's children are heirs, and joint heirs with Jesus.
- The amount may be dependent on conduct, obedience, gifting, calling and labors. But all will receive and are included, non excluded.
 - *There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory.*
- These dear Christians in Rome were persecuted and suffered greatly.

- Paul is writing here to comfort and encourage them and to give them an explanation of their suffering.
- And the chief comfort was that they have been adopted by God and now children of God and thus heirs and in line to receive an inheritance from their great Testator and Beneficiary. God Himself.
 - Gal. 4:4-7
- This really is the theme of this whole chapter.

VS: 16)

- In vs 16 Paul brings in what seems to be an established rule within his thinking and thus writing, that the Spirit as the seal of our salvation, is generally at the same time mentioned as the Spirit of "earnest, guaranty." Of something greater to come.
 - Eph. 1:13-14, 2 Cor. 1:22