

Romans # 116

“Our Present Sufferings,
Our Future Glory”

Romans 8:17-18

Hebrews 1:1-2

1st Timothy 6:17-19

Jeremiah 14:13-16, 18

The Church Age believer is royal family of God, so not only are we children of God by our second birth but because of positional sanctification and union with Jesus Christ, God has adopted each

of us Roman style into aristocracy, naming us as His heirs.

The Roman custom of adoption emphasizes fact that we are not only children by regeneration but also children by adoption, making us heirs of God.

Without capacity for life from biblical truth in the soul, no blessing is worth having.

Capacity for life, love, blessing and happiness, means that the road blocks of the soul have been removed by reaching spiritual maturity and often by suffering adversity.

When the mature believer has capacity for life, he keeps his priorities straight because he's occupied with the Source of all his blessings, the Lord Jesus Christ and not the blessings alone.

Love of the Blessor causes the blessee to continually enjoy his blessings, therefore our confidence must be in the Source of blessings to really enjoy the content of the blessings.

For the believer who depends on riches rather than God, the greater his priorities are out of whack, the greater his blessings become curses.

So, the more he depends upon riches, the more miserable he becomes because the possession of wealth does not mean happiness; as happiness is found in capacity of the soul and to lose capacity for life through rebellion and maintain the wealth means that the wealth becomes a source of discipline.

Capacity for life originates not only from maximum truth in the soul but also from the removal of roadblocks of the soul which hinder the application of truth and that must precede

the blessings of life.

If we continue to let past or present suffering or adversities penetrate our souls, we are the ones choosing to live in misery and stress, instead of God's plan and purpose for our lives.

We're all imperfect and we have all done things we regret or have had things done to us by others that cause us grief but we have the option as to whether these problems destroy us.

And if we choose to focus on the problem, we are saying to God that we can handle our own problems, we don't need His solutions.

Most believers do not even realize this but even unhappiness is arrogance.

We are slaves to whatever ruins our peace of mind!

Sadly, most believers won't achieve the greater-grace life because they'd rather hear what they want to hear, so they never advance beyond what they want to hear.

Sanctification means to be set apart as sacred, consecrated to God under contract to Him forever.

The contract is provided on the basis of the effective once-and-for-all sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross and we signed the contract the moment we believed in Jesus Christ.

The royal family on earth is called the body of Christ, the royal family in resurrection is called the bride of Christ and the body of Christ

is therefore under the principle of phase two experiential sanctification.

The agents do all the work under the contract and since under grace there is no place for human good works, there is no place for the believer to do anything to add to the contract.

The Word of God is the only source of divine revelation to the royal family in the Church Age.

Religion is man by man's efforts seeking to gain the attention of God; Christianity is God coming to man with a grace system where man doesn't work; religion is works and it belongs to Satan; Christianity is grace, and it belongs to God.

If Satan can pollute the human gene pool so that the result will be a creature who is not truly human, it would prevent Messiah from coming into the world as true humanity and this would negate the fulfillment of God's plan in blessing Adam's race and in judging the fallen angels.

Once Jesus Christ is born of a virgin, Satan no longer tries to attack the *seed of the woman*;

his attack now is to distort, ignore and discredit facts about the virgin birth, the cross and the foundational principles of salvation.