Study Guide

Posture

Romans 8.29

When I was in school studying the Bible one of my professors asked the class, “If you could pick one chapter of the Bible to have while on a deserted island which one would you choose?”  There were several different answers, but one chapter got more mentions than any other, Romans chapter 8. My professor agreed that is the one he would pick. Take a few minutes to read Romans 8 and consider these questions:

1.      What is the evidence in the life of a person who has his or her mind set on what the flesh desires? What is the evidence of having one’s mind set on what the Spirit desires?

2.      If the evidence of the Spirit is fruit (behavior; Gal. 5:22-23), and the presence of the Spirit is required for genuine Christianity, why doesn’t the church put more emphasis on fruit in determining who is not a true believer in Christ? What would be the dangers of overdoing such an emphasis? What is the danger in ignoring that? What is the balance?

3.      What weakness does the Bible say Christians have (Romans 8:26)?

4.      How does the Lord help us with this problem (Romans 8:26-27)?

5.      Memorize Romans 8:28. What is so important about this verse so that many Christians quote this verse?

6.      Notice the sequence in Romans 8:29-31. They verify God’s purpose in our lives. {Fill in - NASB text. Notice all 4 blanks follow an also.}

For those God foreknew, He also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and these He also\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; and to these He also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; and to these He also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7.      Is God for us or against us (Romans 8:31)?

8.      How does the Lord prove to us in Romans 8:32 that He really is for us, that is, on our side?