

At Home Study Guide

For the week of December 28, 2014

Romans 8

Quick Review: We are quick to label ourselves and others according to our stage in life or our status among others. Rich / poor, depressed / happy, famous / normal, popular / not so much... For many of us the labels stick and remind us daily of our place among our friends and family. The labels serve to paint us into a place of believing certain things about who we are in spite of what Christ has done in our lives. Jesus has come so that we are no longer victims of our circumstances. Instead, you and I have the privilege of being made new in Jesus so that we are victors in Him. Your security and mine is found not in our labels but in the security of the promises of God.

My Story

- Think of a time when you were playing sports as a child or teenager. What were some of your most favorite moments? What were the least?
- When you think of the word “victim” what comes to mind first?
- What is one of the greatest victories of your life?

Growing Deeper

“Justified”

Romans 3:21-26; 5:6-9
We’ve been saved from
the *penalty* of sin

“Sanctified”

Romans 12:1-2; 15:16
We’re being saved from
the *power* of sin

“Glorified”

Romans 8:18-23, 28-30
We will be saved from the
presence of sin

- This study of Romans 8 provides an opportunity for us to understand that we are saved (justified), we are being saved (sanctified) and will one day be saved (glorified) in Christ. Take time to read the entire chapter of Romans 8 and make special notes where you see these concepts uniquely mentioned.
- In Romans 8:1-4, what are you set free from?
- List all of the things which have no power to separate you from the love of Jesus according to Romans 8:35-39.
- Luke 23:32-43 provides a unique lens into what it means to believe in Jesus and be saved. Contrast the response of the two thieves. How was one justified, sanctified, and glorified all in one day while the other was left to perish?