

## Romans: A Study on Reformation

### Lesson 20 “How Jesus Flipped the Script on Reality”

I. Introduction - We are continuing our series on the book of Romans today. Paul wrote this letter from Corinth to the church in Rome to bring reformation to this church in 57 A.D. We are studying verse by verse through the book with our focus being on “Reformation.”

A. The main problem Paul wanted to reform with the church in Rome was the relationship between the Jews and Gentiles. They were in strife about beliefs and practices associated with their faith and trying to impose their will on each other. Paul did not want to revive this church. He wanted to reform it, which means bring change.

B. Today, we are going to finish **Romans 8**, which is one of the most empowering chapters in all of the Bible. **Romans 7** is about trying to live for God in our strength, which is frustrating. **Romans 8** is about the power of the spirit filled life and living in God’s ability not our own.

1. I’m excited about today, because I think it might be the best thing I’ll ever teach, particularly if you have regret from your past or feel like you have compromised God’s plan for your life because of past mistakes. Maybe you’ve sown to the flesh and feel like now you must reap corruption. If that’s you, I’ve got good news. Jesus has redeemed you from all of that, but also written your mistakes into His plan for your life.

2. Today, we are going to talk about, “How Jesus Flipped the Script on Reality.”

3. Flip the script is a slang term which means ***To reverse a situation, especially by doing something unexpected.***

4. Part of why Jesus came is to take our wrongs and make them right.

II. How Jesus Flipped the Script on Reality

A. Examples in the lineage of Jesus

1. **Matthew 1:5** Rahab, a gentile prostitute is in the lineage of Jesus. Ruth, was gentile (Moabitess - people who were the enemies of Israel) and she’s in the lineage of Jesus.

a. The purpose of Jesus was to redeem mankind. The plan was to do this by the seed of Abraham, yet within the plan God brought the Gentiles. The point is just because it wasn’t in your plan doesn’t mean it’s not in God’s.

2. **Matthew 1:6** Solomon is in the lineage of Jesus. Had David not committed a heinous batch of sins, Solomon would have never been born. Solomon was born outside the will of God and God brought him into the plan of redemption. God called Solomon ***Jedidiah*** or ***The Beloved of the Lord - 2 Samuel 12:25.***

- a. This story is encouragement to a person who was born out of wedlock or believes they married the wrong one - God can turn your marriage into the Beloved of The Lord.
- b. This story is a blessing to the murderer, the addict, etc. 1/3 of the Bible is written by murderers.

## B. Romans 8:28

1. purpose - **próthesis**, pa setting forth, i.e. (figuratively) proposal (intention); specially, the show-bread (in the Temple) as exposed before God:—purpose, shew(-bread). **Sometimes this word is translated purpose and other times its translated presence bread. This means God's purpose for your life isn't a specific job, mate, or to live in...His purpose is the presence of God. This also means whatever state you find yourself in, He can manifest His presence right now and bring you into the purpose of God.**
2. **Matthew 12:1-8** In this story, Jesus commended David for doing for lying and breaking the law and eating the showbread.
  - a. Why? God desires mercy and not sacrifice. That's the heart of God.
  - b. He's the Lord of the Sabbath (rest). We cannot have rest if we think we've sinned so bad we've messed up the purpose of God for our lives.
  - c. The purpose of all of this is when we really see the heart of God it invites us back into the presence of Jesus instead of pushing us from Him.
  - d. The other purpose is to realize Jesus will flip the script on your reality when you look to His mercy and get your eyes off your sacrifice.

## C. Romans 8:29-38

1. **Verses 29-20** We see our purpose is to be conformed to the image of Christ. It's not just a vocation and location; it's being like Jesus. This is our predestiny! It's what God chooses for us before we were born.
2. **Verse 31** What shall we say to these things? Why does Paul bring this up? Because Satan is the accuser of the brethren. He will accuse you and tell you all the problems in your life are your fault. When this happens we need to say something! **Revelation 12:10-11.**
3. **Verse 32** What a promise! God will give you anything you need in any state you find are in (even if it's illegal) - ex: shewbread, woman caught in adultery.
4. **Verses 33-34** Who's bring a charge against God's elect? Not God, it's Satan or someone Satan's speaking through. Jesus is praying for us, not condemning us.
5. **Verses 35-39** Nothing separates us from the love of God.
  - a. In **verse 38** Paul mentions things present and thing to come. Why didn't He mention the past? Because your past is obsolete in the mind of God. If it doesn't exist in His mind, it shouldn't exist in yours. When we

receive His grace and forget our past mistakes, it give us the ability to believe He can change our present and future circumstances.

b. *Verse 39* More than conquerors - Evander Holyfield example. We are like Mrs. Holyfield. Jesus conquered. He won the fight at Calvary and got beaten and bloody! We get the purse! We are more than conquerors.

III. Conclusion - The thing that makes faith work is a revelation of the love of God. I hope you see how much God loves you today in the fact that He will literally flip the script of your reality (He'll write your present circumstance into the plan of God )to bring you into the will of God. All He needs for us to do is turn to Him and trust His goodness.

A. Call Up Prayer Team

B. Pray Closing Prayer