Sunday, April 22, 2018

Title: Divine Confidence, Purpose, And Help!

Text: Romans 8

INTRODUCTION:

*Review of Romans 6 & 7: 6:1 - "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin..." 7:24 - "Wretched man that I am!"
*Overview of Romans 8
*Reminder: Romans 1:16 - 17 Romans 1:4

Divine Confidence:

Not based on emotion or ego, but based on divine information (revelation).

1.1) Romans 8:1 "now no condemnation..."

2 Corinthians 5:17. "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

1.2) Romans 8:35 "Who shall separate us..." Romans 8:31 - 39

Divine Purpose:

Not wishful thinking or personal goal setting, but based on divine purposes established in the counsel of the Almighty, who recognizes our unique talents, abilities, and gifts.

2.1) Romans 8:28 "called according to his purpose." Ephesians 2:10

2.2) Romans 8:29 "to be conformed to the image of his Son,"

Matthew 20:28 & Mark 9:35

Divine Help:

Not merely a work of our flesh, but "yoked" with the Almighty!

3.1) Romans 8:9 - 11 "the Spirit Of God dwells in you."

John 14:12 - 21

3.2) Romans 8:26 - 30 "the Spirit himself intercedes for us..."

3.3) Romans 8:31 - 35 "who indeed is interceding for us."

Conclusion:

Romans 8:37 "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us"