

# Session 6: Hope.

## What has God promised?

ROMANS 8

## KEY VERSE:

‘... we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.  
For in this hope we were saved.’

ROMANS 8.23-24 (NIV)

## Part I: The big picture

**Justification**

ROMANS 8.1-11


**Adoption**

ROMANS 8.12-17


**Glorification**

ROMANS 8.18-30

‘There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.’

ROMANS 8.1 (ESV)

THE GOSPEL IS FORGIVENESS FOR THE PENALTY OF SIN, AND FREEDOM FROM THE POWER OF SIN. OUR PAST DOES NOT DETERMINE OUR FUTURE. SO LET'S:

‘... put to death the misdeeds of the body ...’

ROMANS 8.13 (NIV)

‘... have [our] minds set on what the Spirit desires ...’

ROMANS 8.5 (NIV)

Fulfil the ‘righteous requirement of the law ...’

ROMANS 8.4 (NIV)

Justification

ROMANS 8.1–11

**Adoption**

ROMANS 8.12–17



Glorification

ROMANS 8.18–30

‘... we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God ...’

ROMANS 8.15–16 (ESV)

*Abba*: Aramaic term that expressed both respect and intimacy (similar to ‘Papa’).



## Discussion time

READ ROMANS 8.1–4,15–16

1. Can you identify patterns of thought or behaviour that come from living under condemnation? What truths in these verses do we need to choose to believe? How can they become part of us?
2. What do we learn about what it means to be a child of God in these verses? How can we enjoy a more intimate relationship with God as our ‘Abba, Father’?

## Part II: God is for us

Justification

ROMANS 8.1–11



Adoption

ROMANS 8.12–17



**Glorification**

ROMANS 8.18–30

OUR FUTURE HOPE GIVES US COURAGE TO KEEP GOING THROUGH  
LIFE'S CHALLENGES



### NEW CREATION

'... the whole of creation has been  
groaning as in the pains of childbirth ...'

ROMANS 8.22 (NIV)



### NEW BODIES

'... we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the  
Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our  
adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.'

ROMANS 8.23 (NIV)



### NEW SECURITY

Romans 8 concludes with some amazing promises

'If God is for us, who can be against us?'

ROMANS 8.31 (NIV)

'... we are more than conquerors through him who  
loved us.'

ROMANS 8.37 (NIV)

'... [nothing] will be able to separate us from the love  
of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

ROMANS 8.39 (NIV)

## Part II: Reflection time

READ ROMANS 8.31–39

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Which truths in these verses are you already living in the light of? Which do you find most difficult to believe and why?



### PRAYER

Pray and ask God to help you live in the light of these great truths.

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### READING ROMANS:

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Before the next session, read the following passages in Romans:

- READING 1:  
**Romans 9.1–18**
- READING 2:  
**Romans 9.19–10.4**
- READING 3:  
**Romans 10.5–21**
- READING 4:  
**Romans 11.1–24**
- READING 5:  
**Romans 11.25–36**



### READING SUGGESTIONS:

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- Chapter 6 of  
*Romans: A Letter That Makes Sense of Life*  
by Andrew Ollerton