



## **PART 9: A WRINKLE IN TIME**

Reading Romans is like the experience of a man groping in a dark church tower who reaches out to grab whatever he can – and grasps the rope that rings the bell that wakes up the entire community.

*~ Karl Barth*

If the Bible was a ring and the Book of Romans its precious stone, chapter 8 would be the sparkling point of the jewel.

*~ Philipp Jakob Spener (1635-1705)*

Romans 8 carries the power of the gospel in every breath. If the church could hoist its sails and catch this wind, there is no knowing what might happen.

*~ N. T. Wright*

Every human being was created to be a walking billboard, a living display of the glory of God. Like a neon sign bereft of glowing gas, the human frame apart from God stands lifeless and unanimated, displaying nothing except the closed-for-business look of an abandoned storefront.

*~ Kenneth Boa*

Nature was created by God and has value in its own right. Our attitude toward nature should not be one of exploitation but of stewardship. As Romans 8 demonstrates, Paul was a lot “greener” than many Christians have recognized.

*~ Douglas Moo*

God in Christ is not saving individuals only; God is at the task of saving creation.

*~ Craig C. Hill*

The universe is not going to be destroyed, but rather liberated, transformed and suffused with the glory of God.

*~ John Stott*

If the creation is to be renewed, not abandoned, and if that work has already begun in the resurrection of Jesus, it will not do simply to consign the present creation to acid rain and global warming and wait for Armageddon to destroy it altogether. Christians must be in the forefront of bringing, in the present time, signs and foretastes of God’s eventual full healing to bear upon the created order in all its parts and at every level.

*~ N. T. Wright*

I am not ashamed of the gospel.

*~ The Apostle Paul*