



## **PART 10: PAIN-FULL LOVE**

I am loved, therefore I am.

~ *Romans 8*

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*

Romans can never be read or pondered too much, and the more it is dealt with the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes.

~ *Martin Luther*

I found my heart strangely warmed.

~ *Charles Wesley,*

*(About his reaction to reading a commentary on Romans)*

Romans is one of the most interesting and engaging books in the Bible – precisely because it shapes the way we think about so much of the universe we inhabit.

~ *Douglass Moo*

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

~ *Philopp 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*

From start to finish, Paul proclaims that God has acted to set the world right and to rescue us from slavery to human religious programs.

~ *Richard B. Hays*

We do not always understand what God is doing, let alone welcome it. We are not told in Romans 8 that God is at work for our comfort. But we know that in all things he is working towards our supreme good.

~ *John Stott*

For Paul, “the gospel” is not a system of salvation. It is simply an announcement about Jesus as Messiah and Lord. It is not a new religious option, but simply the call to follow Jesus.

~ *N. T. Wright*

I am not ashamed of the gospel.

~ *The Apostle Paul*