

More than Conquerors

Rome

Justified by Faith
Romans 3:28

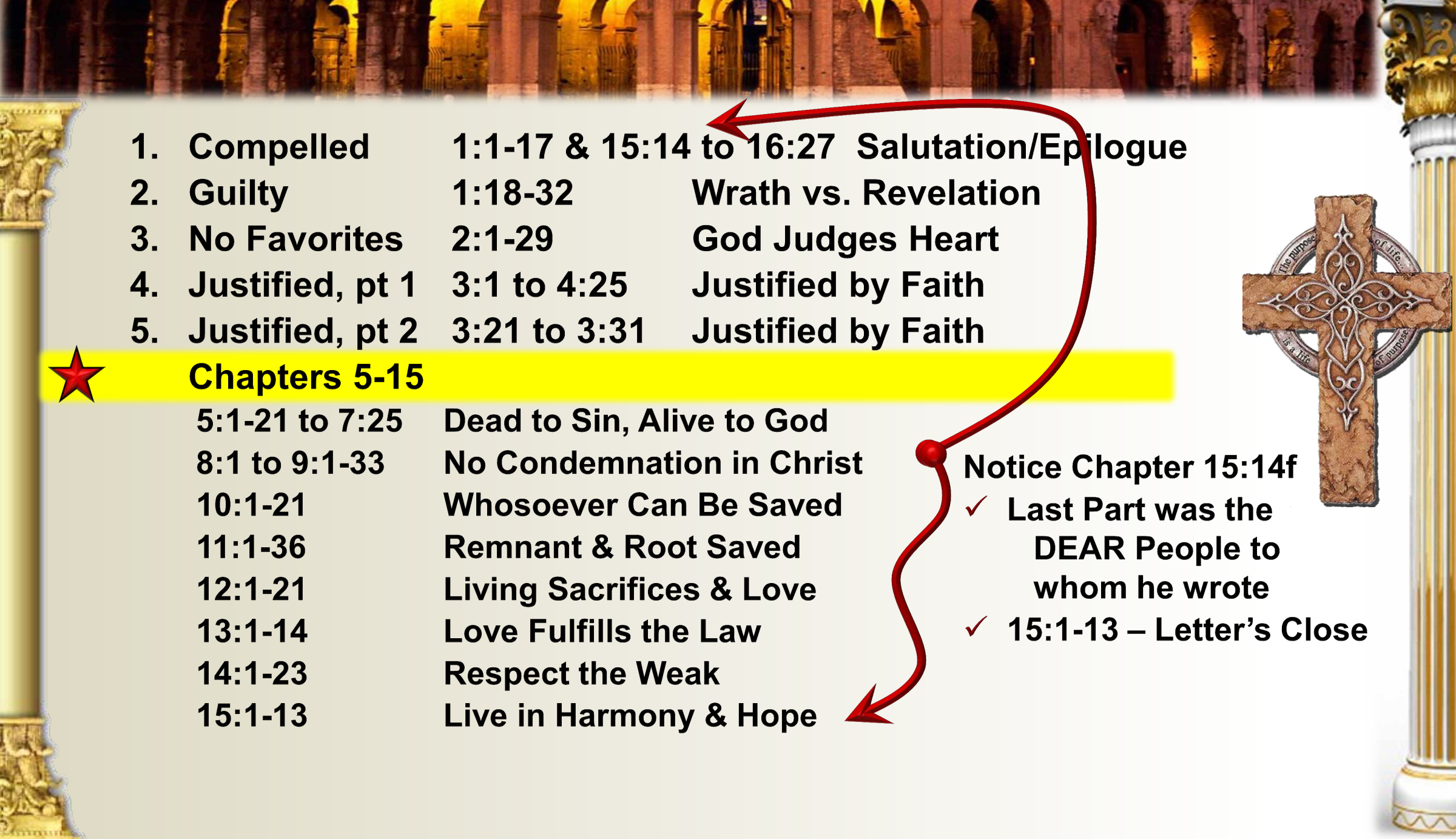
Apostle Paul, c. 1657
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William Henry Jackson's 1899 photograph

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- ✓ Notice Chapter 15:14f
 - ✓ Last Part was the DEAR People to whom he wrote
 - ✓ 15:1-13 – Letter's Close

Romans 3:28

For we maintain a person is
JUSTIFIED by **FAITH**
apart from the works of the law.

Set up our tent on the summit

Just for a little bit

Then we go down the backside

First ... let's take in the VIEW



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VIEW from the top of El Capitan is

breathhtaking

**Made all the more spectacular
... if you endured the CLIMB**

**We have a passage in Romans
That reflects the VIEW from the
Summit of 3:28**

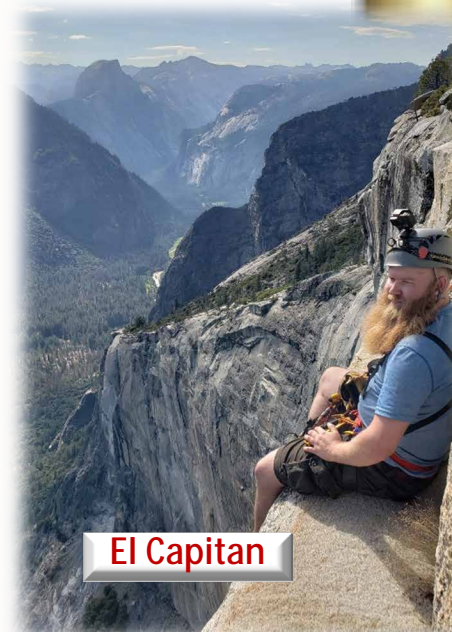
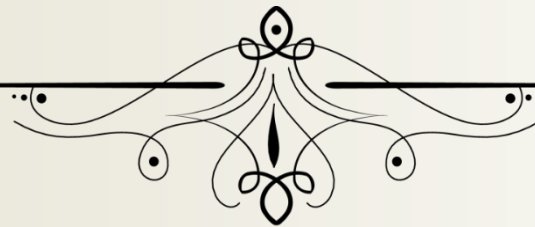


Key Verse – Romans 8:37

VIEW from the Summit of El Capitan

**No, in ALL these things we are more than
conquerors through him who LOVED us.**

*a most beautiful ... and
exquisite passage*



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**Charles H. Spurgeon “More than Conquerors”
No. 751, May 19, 1867 – 8:37**

**They were men who knew the Love of Christ,
Rested upon that Love as a man leaneth upon a staff ...
They did not speak of Christ’s Love as though a myth
to be respected, a tradition to be revered;
They viewed it as a blessed REALITY ... being
persuaded that it would bear them up as
upon eagles’ wings ...
resting assured ... a foundation of rock,
against which the waves might beat, and the winds blow,
but their soul’s habitation stood securely upon it.**



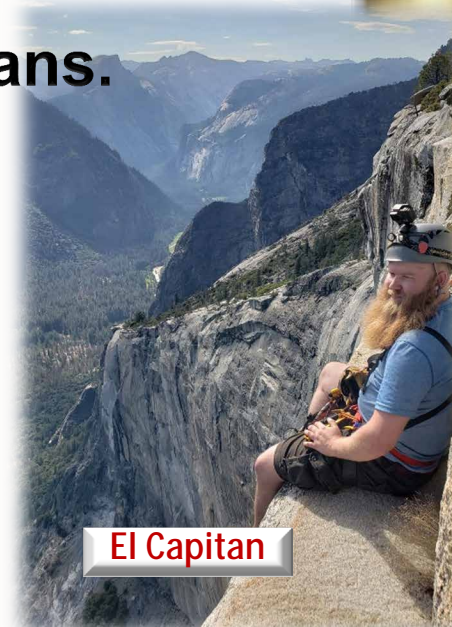
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**Love to Jesus was a flame which fed upon
the very marrow of their bones,
core and heart of their being;
Therefore, from its own force burned
its way into the outer man, and shone there.**

**Zeal for the glory of King Jesus ... seal of genuine Christians.
Because of their dependence upon Christ's Love
they dared much ... they did much.**

**Because of their reliance upon the love of Jesus
they were not afraid of their enemies;**



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**Because of their Love to Jesus
they scorned to shun the foe even when he
appeared in the most dreadful forms.**



**Christians of the early ages sacrificed themselves
continually upon the altar of Christ with joy and alacrity.**

**Wherever they were they bore testimony against the evil ...
They were transformed by the renewing of their minds;**



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**In every place the Christian was a speckled bird,
because Love to Jesus would not allow the
Christian to disguise his convictions;
Christian ... everywhere a stranger ...**

**Because the very language of his everyday life
differed from that of his neighbors.**

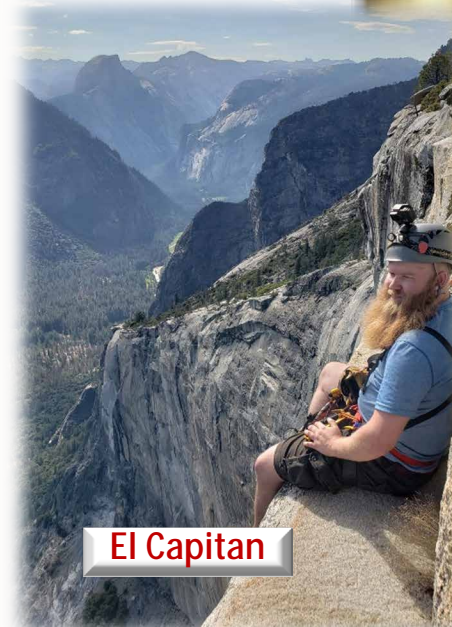
Where others blasphemed, he adored; ...

Where others girt on the sword, he resisted not evil;

Where others were each man seeking his own ...

Christian ... one whose treasure was in heaven ...

Who set his affections upon things above.



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**This Love to Jesus made the Christian a perpetual
protestor against evil for the sake of Jesus.**

**It led him yet further—he became a constant witness to
the truth ... so precious in his own soul.**

**Paul dreams of eternal life, and when he falls asleep,
He hears in a vision from a man of Macedonia
across the blue Aegean, entreating him,
“Come over and help us.”**

**With the morning light Paul rises,
fully resolved to take ship**



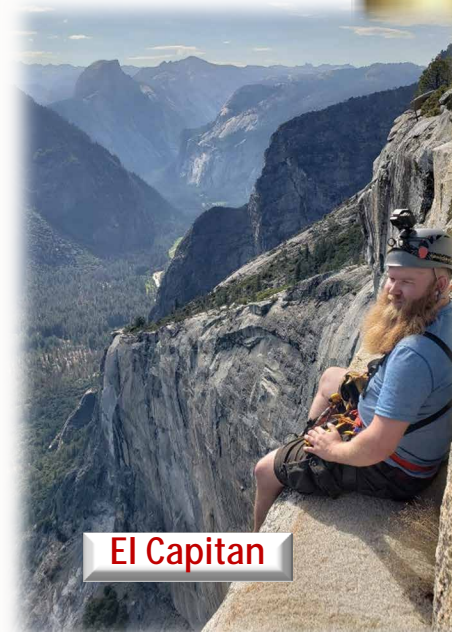
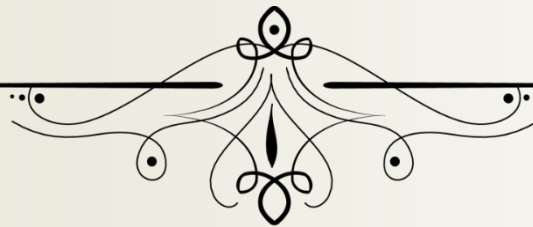
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Book of Romans Outline



1:1 – 3:20

Sin – Righteousness Needed

Gentiles Under Sin

Jews Under Sin

Whole World Under Sin

3:21 – 5:21

Salvation – Righteousness Imputed

Justification Explained – 3:21:31

Justification Expressed – 4:1-25 ...

Justification Experienced – 5:1-21

6 – 8

Sanctification – Righteousness Imparted

Our New Position in Christ – 6

Our New Problem in the Flesh – 7

Our New Power in the Spirit – 8

9 – 11

Sovereignty – Righteousness Rejected

Israel's Past Election – 9

Israel's Present Rejection – 10

Israel's Future Redemption – 11

12 – 15:13

Service – Righteousness Practiced

Consecration to God – 12

Subjection to Authority – 13

Consideration for the Weak – 14:1 to 15:13

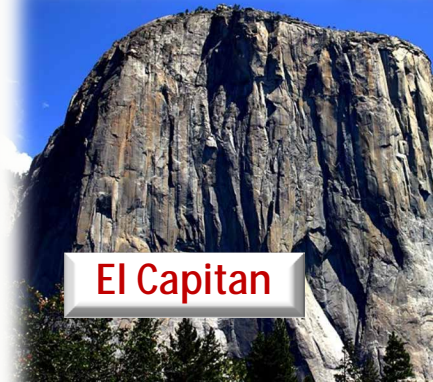
15:14 – 16:17 Conclusion

Faithfulness in Ministry – 15:14-21

Future in the Ministry – 15:22-33

Friends in the Ministry – 16:1-23

Final Benediction – 16:24-27



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Righteousness *Through* FAITH
Not very poetic ... Rocky, Rugged ... but Clear
Romans 3:28 ...

For we maintain a person is
JUSTIFIED by FAITH
apart from the works of
the Law.

Chapter 4, Paul showed Abraham
Justified by FAITH ... he BELIEVED
God would give him heirs like the

Stars in the Sky



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5:1-21 to 7:25 Dead to Sin, Alive to God

5:1 Therefore,

since we have been justified through FAITH,
we have PEACE with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom we have
gained access by FAITH into this
grace in which we now stand.

And we boast in the HOPE of the
glory of God.

camped on the summit now ... this and ALL
the following explain the PEACE of 3:28



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Romans 5:1-5 Justified with Benefits

5:3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings,
because we know that
Suffering produces Perseverance;

Let me FIRST call your attention to this “SUFFERING”

Elsewhere in N.T. trans. “Tribulation,” “Affliction,” “Trouble”

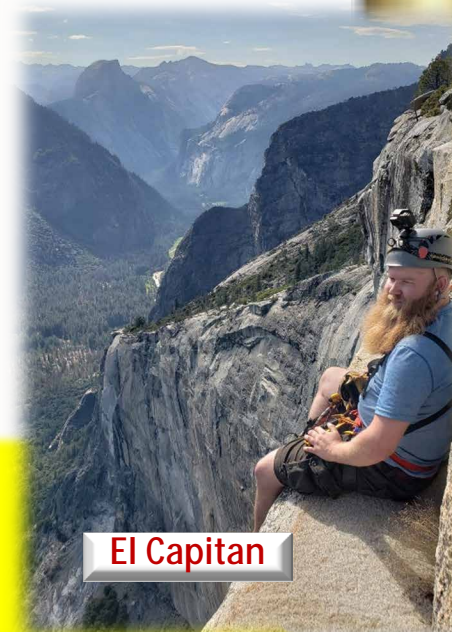
Covers a LOT of generally great trouble of soul and body

Generally – word’s root means a “constricting of ribs”

You KNOW the feeling ... this word refers to any trouble

HURTS you on the INSIDE ... badly

Injustices – Beatings – Grievs – Harassments



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Romans 5:1-5

Justified with Benefits

**3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings,
because we know that
Suffering produces Perseverance;**

Let me FIRST call your attention to this **SUFFERING**

Yes, the church was suffering hardships ... would be persecuted

Yet, this suffering is NOT of all from poverty, beatings, torture

THIS suffering is the STRUGGLE to Obey ...

THIS suffering is the struggle to LIVE the Christian LIFE ...

THIS suffering is with YOUR own SELF to attain the

Standard of Christ's LIVING



Romans 5:1-5

Justified with Benefits

3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings,
because we know that

Suffering produces *Perseverance*;

4 Perseverance, Character; and Character, HOPE.

5 And HOPE does not put us to shame,
because God's love has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

HOPE through Suffering?

vv. 3-4 Suffering → Perseverance → Character → HOPE ...

That is a journey ... the growth ... the maturation of FAITH

how a CHRISTIAN grows in FAITH



Grows
UNIQUELY
in FAITH

Some are tempted to measure themselves with others

H. W. Beecher (1813-1887) preached on Romans 5:4

Son of great evangelist Lyman Beecher (1775-1863)

His sister, Harriet Beecher Stowe, wrote

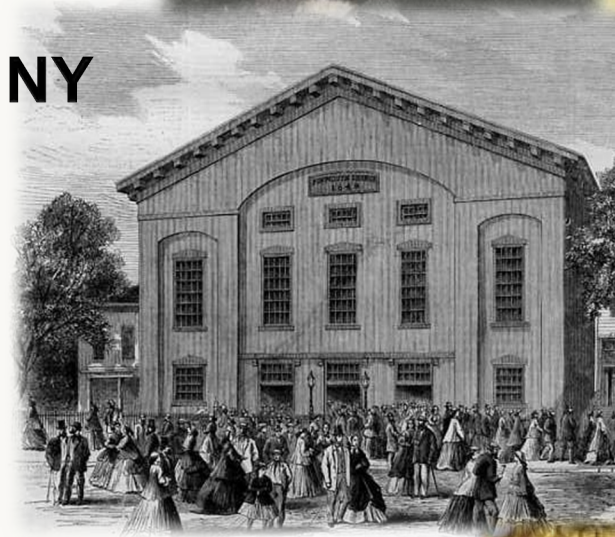
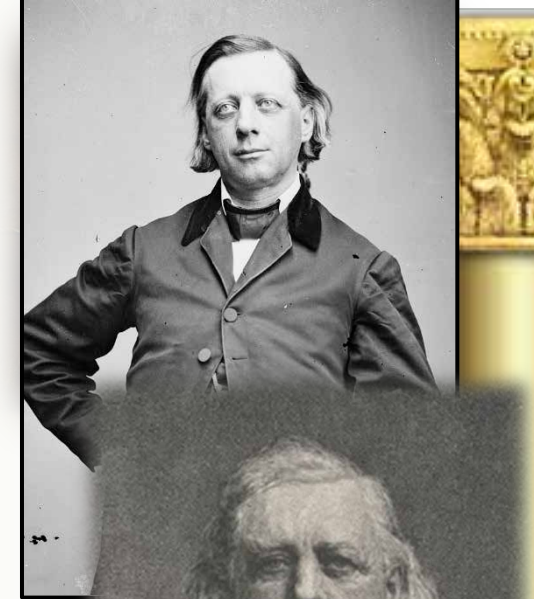
abolitionist novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1852).

1839, Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis
grew it to the largest church in the city ...

1847, Plymouth Congregational Church in Brooklyn, NY

Became one of the most noted preachers in America

On Romans, 5:4: **God's works do not come
from His hand like coin from the mint....**




H. W. Beecher (1813-1887) preached on Romans 5:4

**No two leaves on the same tree are precisely alike;
no two buds on one bush have the same unfolding,
nor do they seek to have.**

**What if God commanded the flowers to come to Him,
and the sunflower came bending low with shame
because it was not a violet; and the violet should
come striving to lift itself up to be like a sunflower;
and the lily should seek to gain the bloom of the rose;
and the rose, the whiteness of the lily:
and so each one, disdaining itself, should
seek to grow into the likeness of the other?**





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**God would say, "Stop, foolish flowers!
I gave you your own forms and hues and odours;
and I wish you to bring what you have received.**

**O sunflower! come as a sunflower;
and you, sweet violet, come as a violet;
and let the rose bring the rose's bloom**

**Perceiving their folly, and ceasing to long for what
they had not, violet and rose, lily and geranium,
mignonette and anemone, and all the floral train,**

**would come, each in its own loveliness,
to send up its fragrance as incense, and all
wreathe themselves in a garland of beauty**

about the throne of God.



H. W. Beecher (1813-1887) preached on Romans 5:4

**Now, God speaks to you as to the flowers, and says,
"Come with the form and nature that I gave you.**

**If you are made a violet, come as a violet;
if you are a rose, come as a rose;
if you are a shrub, do not desire to be a tree;
let everything abide in the nature which I gave it,
and grow to the full excellence."**

5:3 ... we know that Suffering produces Perseverance;

5:4 Perseverance, Character; and Character, HOPE.

5:5 And HOPE does not put us to shame, because

God's love has been poured out into our hearts



vv. 3-4 Suffering → Perseverance → Character → HOPE

Because we BELIEVE the Bible ... one MIGHT

Be tempted to see only psychology there

Bible is packed with psychology.

No doubt, “suffering” and how you deal it

Builds Character

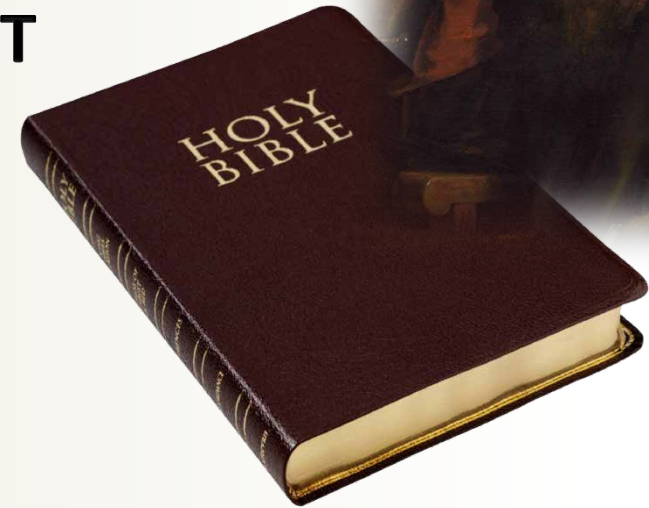
No one doubts that ... now connect verses 3-4 to verse 1

We see a whole BOAT LOAD of more ...

“Suffering” builds character in ALL men and women

But THIS HOPE and THIS CHARACTER are of a higher order

CHARACTER that has Christian HOPE!



We cannot repeat this enough ...

vv. 3-4 Suffering → Perseverance → Character → HOPE

Like LOVE ... all the world knows SOME ...

Yet, to the Christian, there is MORE

The highest LOVE and HOPE are only

Solely, Exclusively seen in the Christian **Heart**

When we Suffer → Persevere for CHRIST

BUILDS a Christian Character → HOPE

BUILDS a HOPE unknown to the World

BUILDS a HOPE unknown to Atheists

John 14:7, “**World cannot accept Him**”

John 1:5 “**Darkness comprehended it NOT**”



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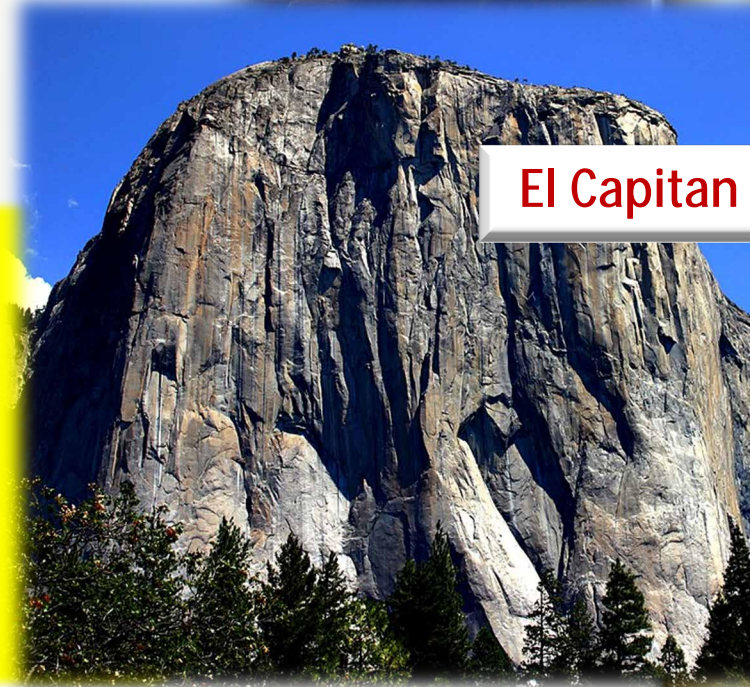
Christian knows the highest LOVE and HOPE
Solely, Exclusively seen in Christian Heart

See again the majesty of verse 5

5 And HOPE does not put us to shame,
because God's LOVE has been
poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit,
who has been given to us.

Growing in Christ ... Suffering → Perseverance → Character

Yields in us a HOPE in this LIFE for Eternal Life



Chapter 5:12-21 - Adam to Moses to Christ

DISOBEDIENCE = DEATH ...

OBEDIENT GRACE = ETERNAL LIFE

Death in Adam & Life in Christ

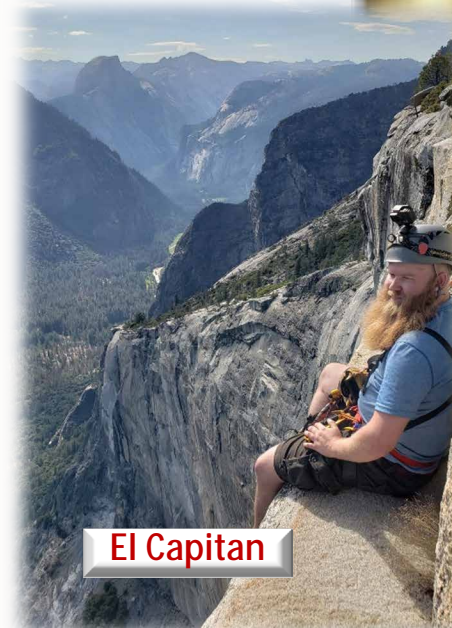
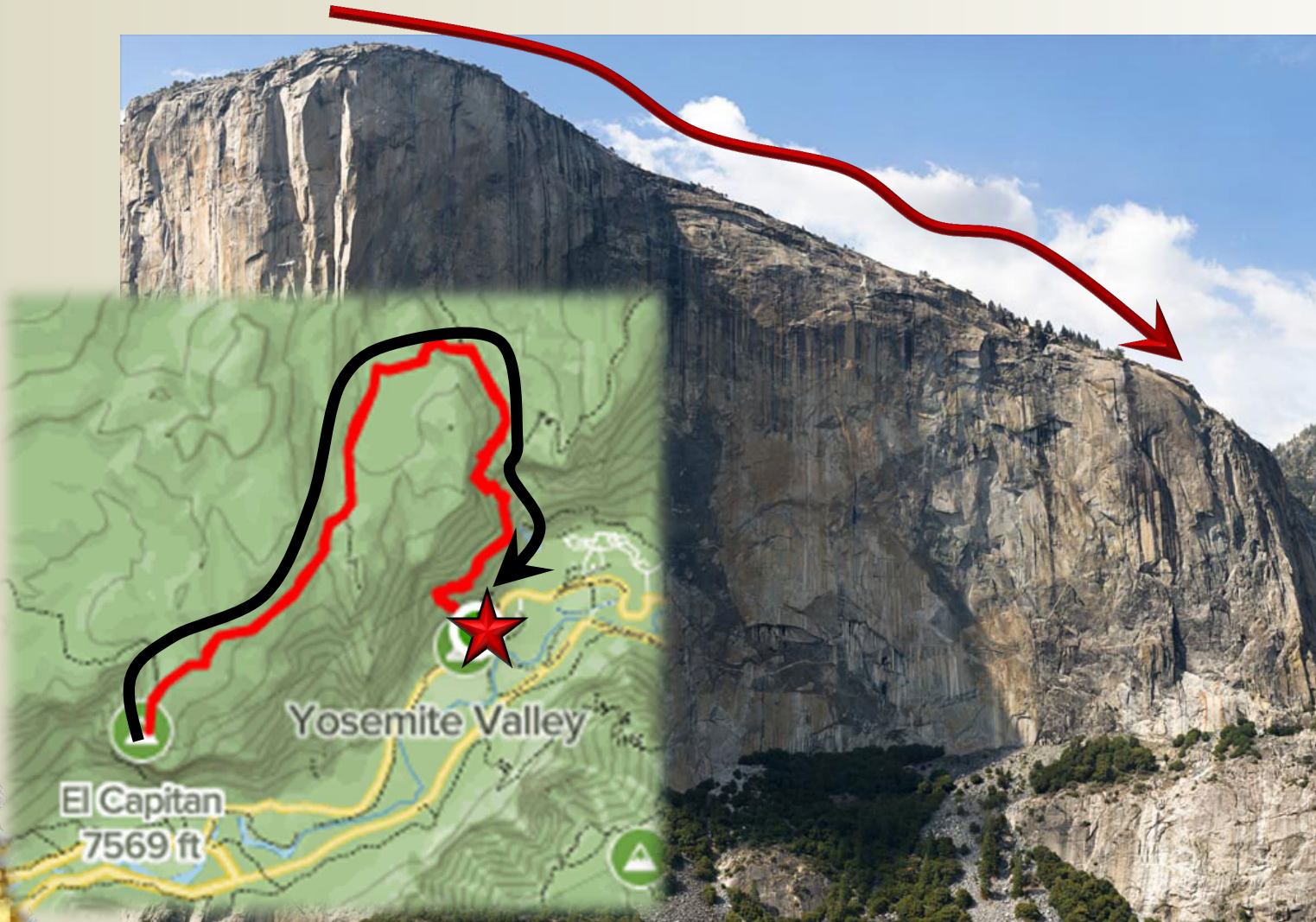
Paul continues on the Life in Christ ...



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Routes down El Capitan - chapters 6 & 7 = Life in Christ

From the east side of the mountain ...



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Romans 6:1 to 7:25 - Dead to Sin, Alive to God

6:1 What shall we say, then?

Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

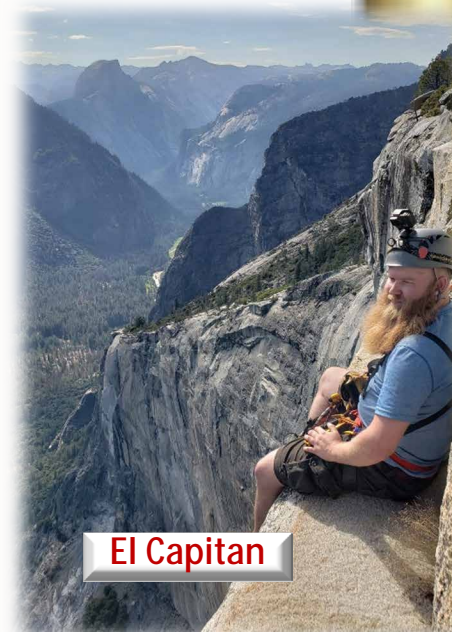
2 By no means!

**We are those who have died to sin;
how can we live in it any longer?**

Throughout 3-22 ... free from sin ... slaves to God

**23 For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is
eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

El Capitan ... the summit reaches to eternity



Romans 5:1 to 7:25 ... Dead to Sin, Alive to God

7:1-12 how we are released from Holy Law

7:14 We know that the law is spiritual;

but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.

15-16 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do

I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what

I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.

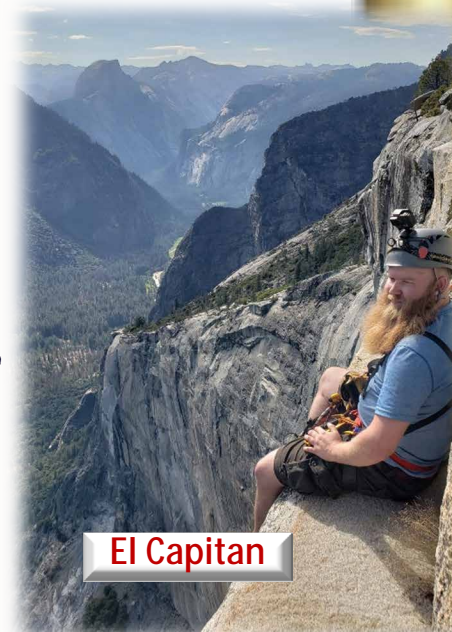
24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me ...

25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me

through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law,

but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.



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Romans 8:1 to 9:33 No Condemnation in Christ

8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

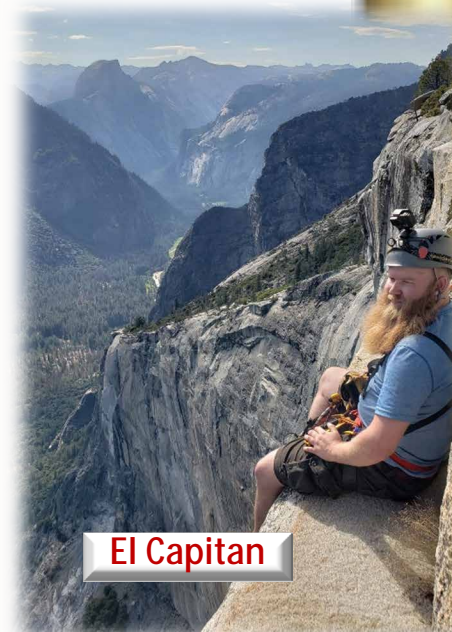
**8:2-17 essentially expounds in other words
the Law vs. the Spirit**

8:18-27 explain the Future Glory

**8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that
will be revealed in us.**

8:28-34 All things Good to those who Love god

8:35-39 *most beautiful ... exquisite passage*



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8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ...

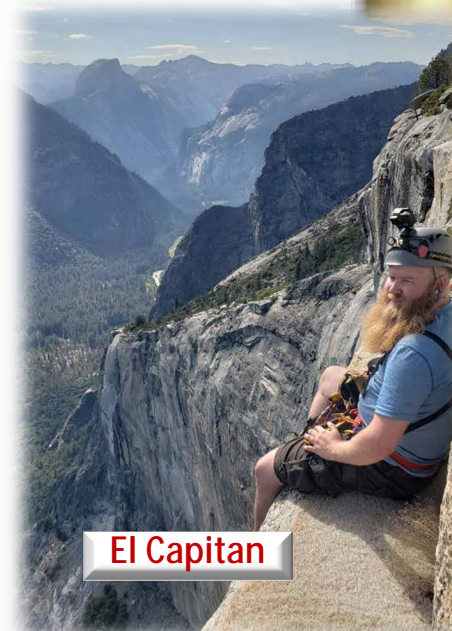
**Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or
famine or nakedness or danger or sword?**

**36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."**

**37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.**

**38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,**

**39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in
all creation, will be able to separate us from the
love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**



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Romans 8:1 to 9:33 No Condemnation in Christ

9:1-33 as we saw with chapter 4 as history behind 3

Chapter 9 gives a history behind 8

Paul speaks the "truth" ... he wishes himself cursed

To save his own people ... cause he loves them still

Paul touches Rebekah, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and Pharaoh

Then Paul brings up Hosea and Isaiah

9:33 As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame."

What great love God showed in history

NOTHING can separate us from Love of God ... see ch 8



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Romans 10:1-21 Whosoever Can Be Saved

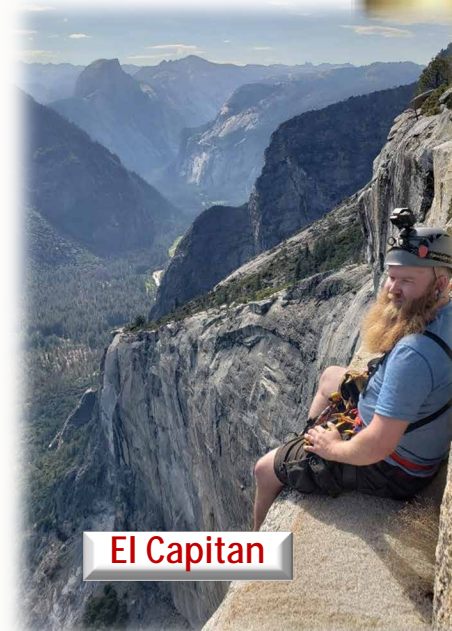
Chapter 10 is a kind of conclusion from 8 & 9

10:4 Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

10:11 As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."

Paul follows this with more history in Isaiah ...

Israel is a tough tribe to lead to the Cross ...



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Romans 11:1-36 Remnant & Root Saved

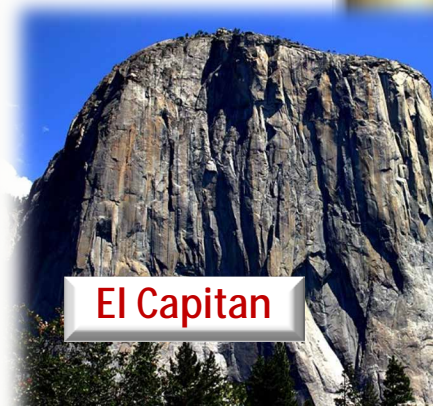
11:1-32 ... Root and Grafting Metaphor

Paul goes into detail ...

**11:17 If some of the branches have been broken off,
 and you, though a wild olive shoot,
 have been grafted in among the others and now share
 in the nourishing sap from the olive root**

11:33-36 Paul waxes poetic again in a doxology

**33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the
 wisdom and knowledge of God!
 How unsearchable his judgments, and
 his paths beyond tracing out!**



Romans 12:1-21 Living Sacrifices & Love

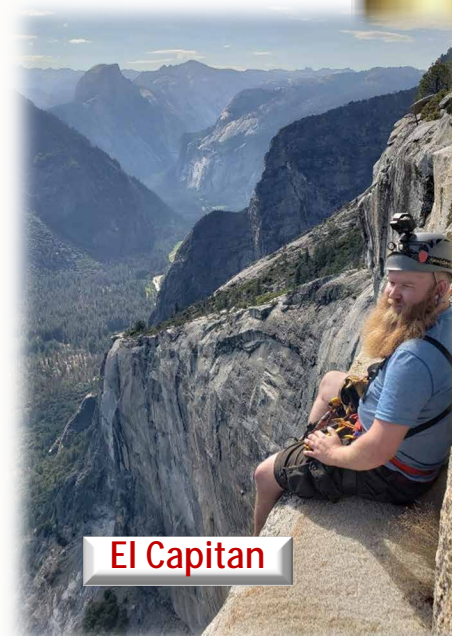
Paul encourages to ACTION with Spiritual Gifts

12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters,
in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as
a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God
—this is your true and proper worship.

Less a list than in 1 Cor. 12 ... best of “Christian Character” here
Softly, gently, Paul encourages to Love, Forgive, Be Kind

12:18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you,
live at peace with everyone.

12:21 Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.



Romans 13:1-14 Love Fulfills the Law

After encouraging to work with authorities

Paul sums the **Law = Love One Another**

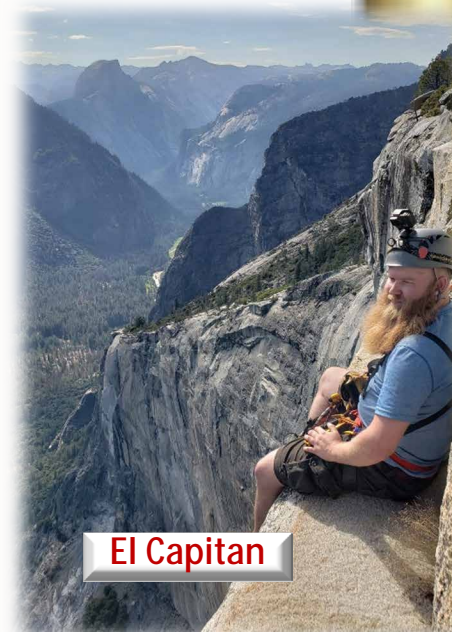
13:10 Love does no harm to a neighbor.

Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

13:12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.

**So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and
put on the armor of light.**

**13:14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the
Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to
gratify the desires of the flesh.**



Romans 14:1-23 Respect the Weak

Be careful what you eat ...

Try not to become a stumbling block ...

Romans 15:1-13 Live in Harmony & Hope

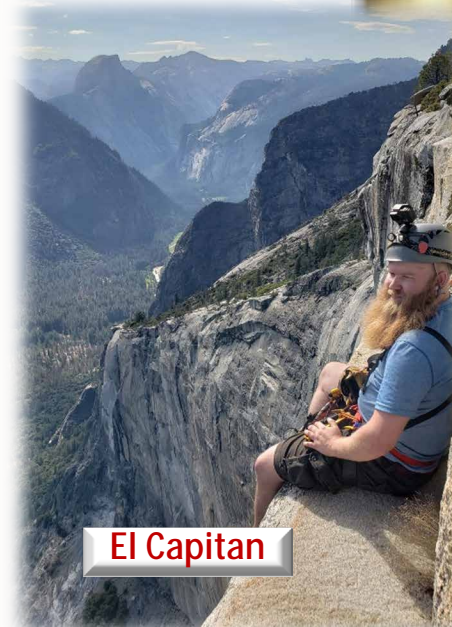
**15:1 We who are strong ought to bear with the
failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.**

Then ... in closing the Greatest Theology of the N.T.

**15:18 I will not venture to speak of anything except what
Christ has accomplished through me in leading the
Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done.**

15:19-33 – Paul outlines his travel plans

16:1-26 – Paul greets many by NAME



Book of Romans ...

The last verse

16:27 to the only wise God be

glory forever through Jesus Christ!

Amen.

Chapters

1:1 – 3:20

Sin

3:21 – 5:21

Salvation

6 – 8

Sanctification

9 – 11

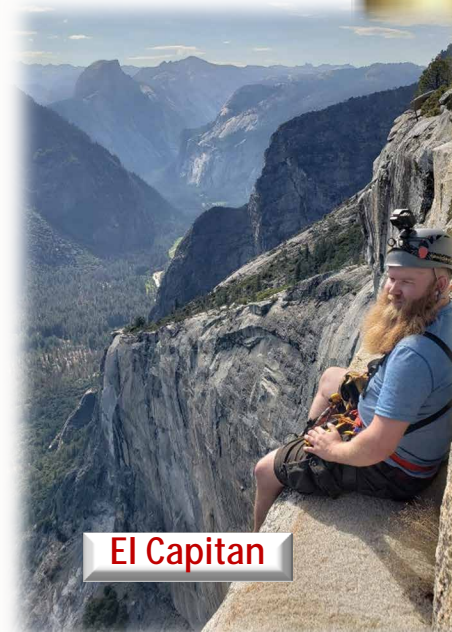
Sovereignty

12 – 15:13

Service

15:14 – 16:17

Conclusion



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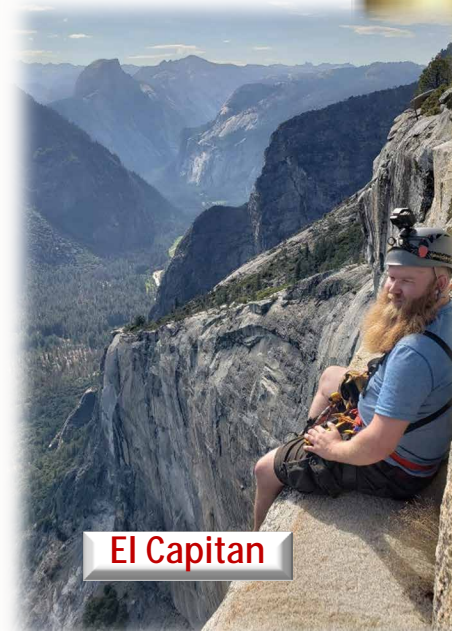
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37 No, in all these things we are more than
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Charles H. Spurgeon “Paul’s Persuasion”
No. 2492, Nov. 7, 1886 – 8:38-39

Paul was fully **PERSUADED** of this great truth.

Did he not learn it by revelation? ...

God was pleased to reveal it to him again and again,
till his trembling heart was more and more **PERSUADED**

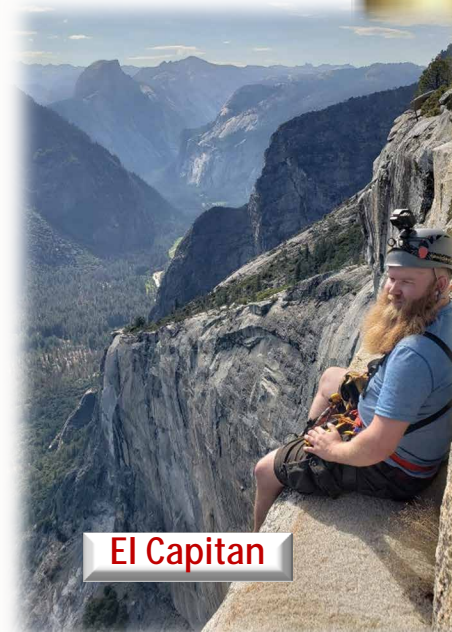
It may have seemed ... too good to be true ...

I have no doubt that Paul also argued with himself ...

the implantation of a living and incorruptible seed

which liveth and abideth for ever.

Christ spoke of it as the putting of a well into us



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He said, “The water that I shall give him
shall be in him a well of water springing up
into everlasting life.”

As for my own convictions, I never can doubt it,
I am fully **PERSUADED** concerning it.

This truth seems to have struck its roots into all the
other truths of Scripture and twisted itself among the
granite rocks which are the very foundation of our hope.
I, too, am persuaded by a thousand arguments ... that
NOTHING shall be able to separate us from the
Love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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**Paul summons all our foes, and
sets them in battle array against us, and**

**when he has added up the total of all their legions,
he says that he is persuaded that they shall not be able**

**— shall not be able, mark you, — to separate us from the
Love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**



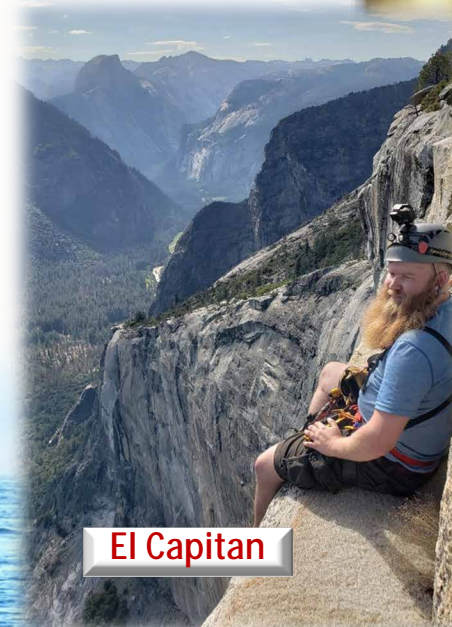
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**Charles H. Spurgeon “Paul’s Persuasion”
No. 2492, Nov. 7, 1886 – 8:38-39**

**I have lately seen one or two of our friends
almost in the very article of Death;
I think that they cannot long survive,
but I have come out from their bed-chamber
greatly cheered by their holy peacefulness and joy.**



**I can see that death does not break the believer’s peace;
Death seems rather to strengthen it.
I can see that there is no better place than the
Brink of Jordan, after all.**



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**I have seen the brethren, and the sisters, too,
sit with their feet in the narrow stream,
and they have been singing all the while.**



**Death has not abated a single note of their song;
nay, more, I have known some who are like the
fabled swan which is said never to sing till it dies.**

**Some of them who were heavy and sad of spirit in their days
of health have grown joyous and glad as
they have neared the eternal kingdom.**



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Christ loved you when HE died;

He will love you when YOU die.

**It was AFTER death — remember that, —
it was AFTER death that his heart poured out
the tribute of Blood and Water ...**

**There is nothing about death that makes
Christ cease to Love us;**

**Our bodies will be under his protection and care, and
Our souls shall be with Christ,
which is “far better” than being anywhere else.**



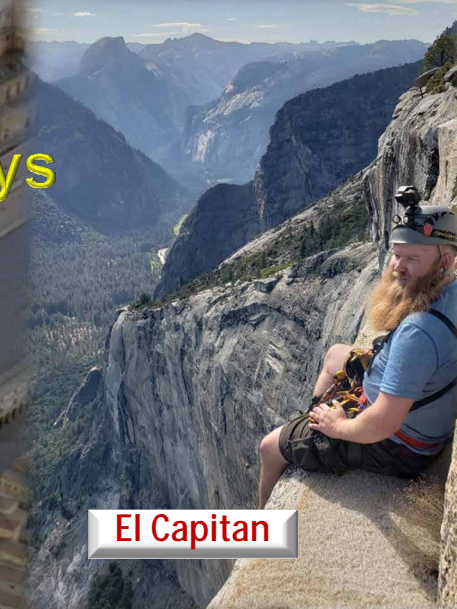
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In the days when this Epistle was written, the saints
had to die very cruel deaths by fire, by the cross,
by wild beasts in the amphitheater;

They were sawn asunder, they wandered about in sheep
skins and goat skins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented;
yet they never feared death.

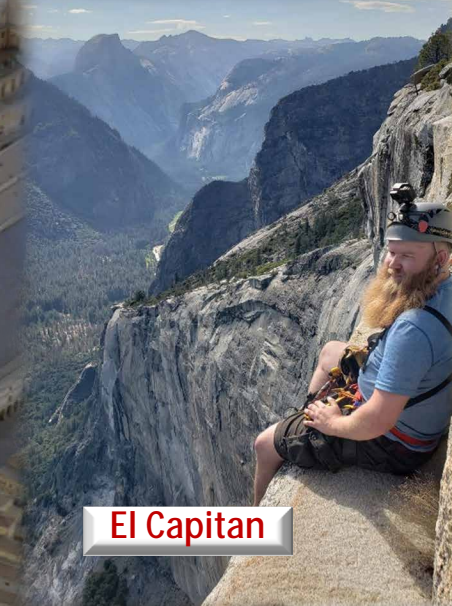
It is very wonderful how the Church of Christ seems always
to brighten up at the idea of death by martyrdom.
The grandest, most heroic, days in Christendom were
the days of the Pagan persecutions



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to be a Christian, meant to be doomed to DIE.
In English history, the days of Mary, when the
saints at Smithfield bore witness for Christ at the stake,
were grand days; and in Madagascar, —
Did you ever read a more thrilling story than the record
of the bravery of those Christian men and women
who suffered the tyrant's cruelty?
Certainly, this wondrous ship of Christ's Church,
When she ploughs her way through waves of blood,
makes swifter headway to the heavenly haven
than she does in times of calm.



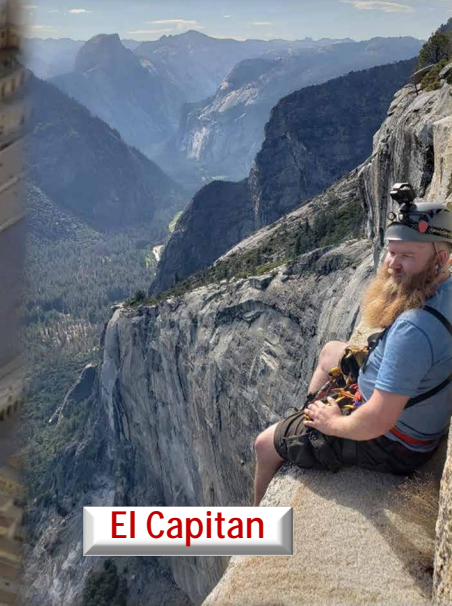
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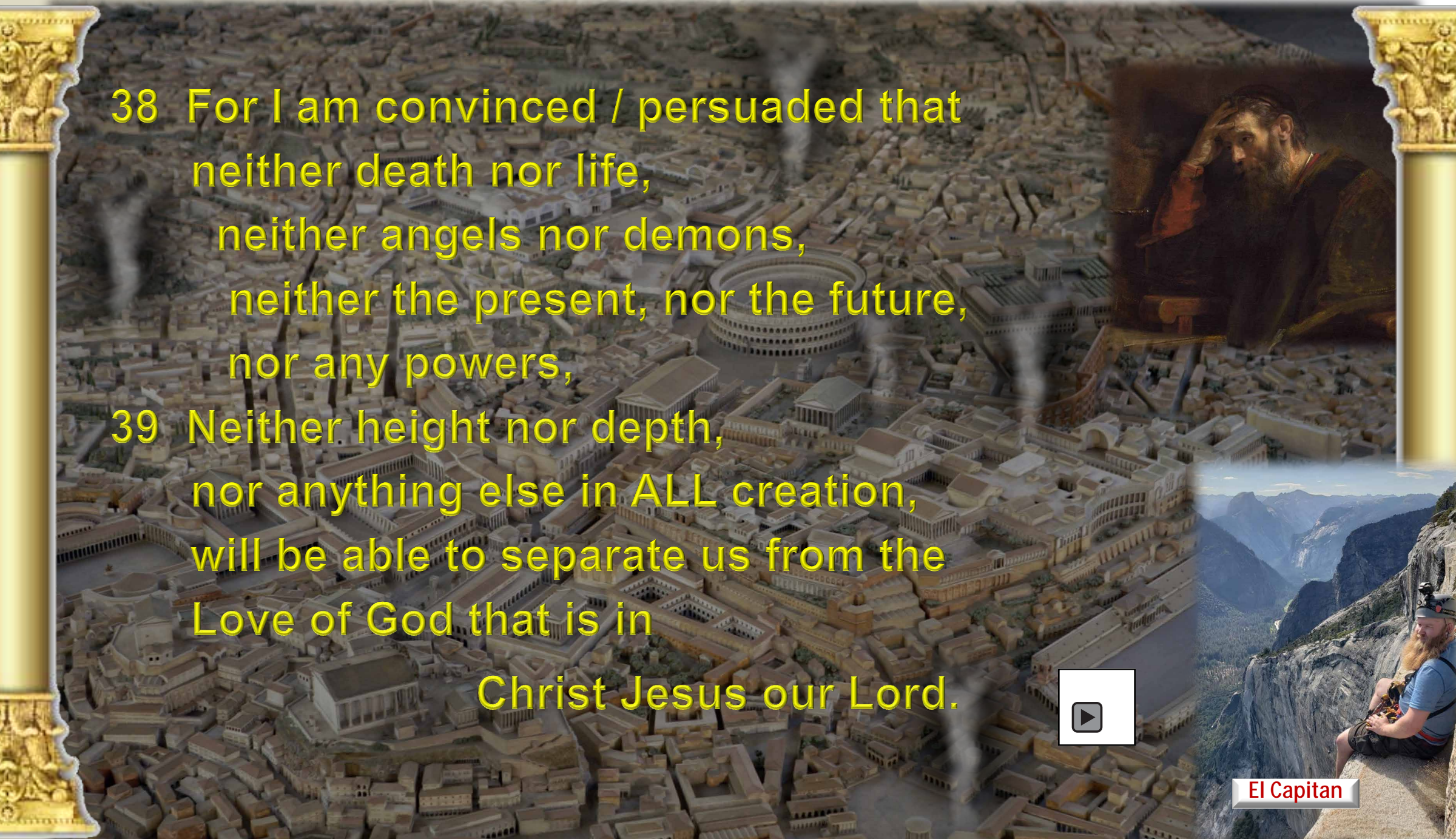
So, beloved friends,
there is nothing in death
to separate us from the
Love of God in Christ Jesus.

8:37-39 *most beautiful ... exquisite passage*

37 No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved us.



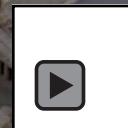
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An aerial view of ancient Rome, showing the Colosseum and other landmarks. A ghostly, translucent figure of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard is superimposed over the city, appearing to look down. The figure is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image.

38 For I am convinced / persuaded that
neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present, nor the future,
nor any powers,

39 Neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in ALL creation,
will be able to separate us from the
Love of God that is in

Christ Jesus our Lord.

A photograph of a person with a long beard and a headlamp, sitting on a rocky ledge overlooking a deep canyon. The person is wearing a blue shirt and a backpack.

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