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Week 23 – We are In Him (Romans 8:1-9)

Three Breathtaking Vista Points from the Top of the Mountain:

View #1: We are ____ Him (vs. 1-9)

View #2: He is ____ Us (vs. 10-27)

View #3: He is _____ Us (vs. 28-39)

Romans 8:1-4 – “In Christ Jesus...”

1. We are eternally _____ right now (vs. 1)

* Security is the foundation for maturity, not vice-versa

2. We are internally _____ right now (vs. 2)

* Colossians 1:26-29; Philippians 2:13

3. We are actually _____ right now (vs. 3-4)

* God's perfect standard met not only *for* you, but *in* you

Romans 8:5-9 – Believers and Unbelievers

Minds governed (under authority) of the flesh = _____

Minds governed (under authority) of the Spirit = _____
and _____

The Big Idea: Whose authority is your mind under? The flesh or the Spirit? An unbeliever has no choice. A believer does. There is no better place to be than walking in submission to Christ's Lordship.

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. Have you heard the term "Spirit-filled life?" What ideas or definitions have you seen attached to that phrase?

Ponderings:

2. In the weekend message we learned from Paul that being "in Him" includes being:
 - Eternally Secure (vs. 1) – can't lose our salvation
 - Internally Free (vs. 2) – no longer in slavery to law and sin
 - Actually Righteous (vs. 3-4) – as perfect as Jesus in God's eyes

One by one, discuss why confidence in each of these realities is so essential if a person is to walk in submission to Jesus as Lord of life.

3. Do you agree with what was shared in the message about there being a difference between a believer and a disciple? Share your thoughts about this or any other questions this proposition might raise among your group...
4. What do you think about the notion that it is useless to ask a non-believer to surrender to Christ as Master of their lives? Do you agree that submission to Christ as Master is a discipleship issue rather than a salvation issue? Explain...
5. Why is willing submission to Christ as Lord so rewarding for a follower of Jesus and how does Jesus model this life of trust and dependence for us?

Note: *"Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise"* (John 5:19). Similar declarations appear also in John 5:30; 7:28–29; 8:28–29,42; 12:49–50; 14:10,26,31; 15:9–10,15; 16:32; and 17:8,18.

6. Having been called to this New Covenant life of grace, are you a believer or a disciple? How do you know?

Promptings:

7. In the week ahead, are you willing to pray daily for God to show you how to depend upon Jesus the way He depended upon His Father? How might your daily life change if you consciously lived by that mind-set?