

Embracing Who I am

2. Optimistic

I'm not optimistic because of what I;

Experience

Feel

Know

I'm optimistic because of my

Faith in God

Proverbs 11: 27(NLT) - If you search for good, you will find favor; but if you search for evil, it will find you!

Why I am Optimistic?

Romans 8: 1-3, 5-6, 18, 22-23, 26-32, 35, 37-39 - Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,...

⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

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

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but 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.

²⁶In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. ²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called

according to his purpose. ²⁹For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. ³¹What,

then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither 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.

1. I am free from the guilt of my past. (vs. 1, 2)
2. I know peace in the midst of pain. (vs. 5, 6)
3. My present problems don't compare to my future joy. (vs. 18, 22, 23)
4. The Spirit intercedes on my behalf. (vs. 26, 27)
5. God can make good of even the worst situation. (vs. 28)
6. The God who loves me is in control. (vs. 29, 30)
7. I have value. (vs. 31, 32)
8. God will never stop loving me. (vs. 35, 37-39)