WHEN IN ROMANS: God is for Us. Bill Buffington · 2/18/2024 · Romans 8:31-39

Romans 8:31-39, 31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He 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? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 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.

Paul brings chapter 8 of Romans to a conclusion, arguing in an emphatic fashion, that God is for us, and that He loves us!

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"What then shall we say to these things?

What things? The previous 8 chapters:

1-3, we are under the judgement of God

4, by faith alone we receive righteousness

5, we have been reconciled to God

6-8, we are indwelled by the Spirit of God. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the grave

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- no condemnation
- we've been indwelt by the Spirit of God
- we've been adopted by God
- the Spirit is interceding for us
- all things are working for the good

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God is for us!

Question #1: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

- My mom being "for me" no matter what I've done:
- fight at school
- caught drinking

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He has done the biggest thing (delivered up His own Son for us all)

So we can trust Him for anything else we need. There is nothing bigger than giving up His Son He could do. If He did that, surely He will also do the lesser things we need.

- You bought the car (the big thing)
- now it's asking for gas! You wouldn't refuse at this point. You'd go ahead and buy the gas it needs to get it going.
- 🕪 What do you need from the Lord today? Ask in faith. The One who gave His Son will also give us what we need to thrive in our relationship with Him!

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Question #2: "Who can bring a charge against Gods elect?"

ft is God who Justifies us!

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Question #3: Who is he who Condemns?

No one can condemn us!

Imagine being taken to court and the person who took you is condemning you but if the judge says you're not guilty, their words are irrelevant. They don't have the authority to condemn you. Only the judge does. And the One who has the authority to condemn us instead makes intercession for us.

Hebrews 7:25, "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."

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Question #4: Who can separate us from His love?

- tribulation
- distress
- persecution
- famine
- nakedness
- peril
- sword



4 Who Questions:

31 - Who can be against us?

33 - Who will bring any charge against us?

34 - Who will condemn us?

35 - Who will separate us?

(NOBODY) because God is for us!

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Quotation from Psalm 44:22: Gods chosen people in the OT suffered and Gods chosen people in the NT suffer as well.

Semember what we learned in Romans 8:18, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

More than conquerors through Him who loved us.

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For I am persuaded! Can you say this?

- death nor life
- nor angels nor principalities nor powers
- nor things present nor things to come
- nor height nor depth
- nor any other created thing,

"shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We are secure in His Love!



Romans 8 opens with no condemnation. It closes with no separation.



So what did we learn today? Everybody Say: "God is for Us!"

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No one can be against us because....

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He gave His only Son to save us , so we know He will give us whatever we need to thrive in our relationship with Him because...

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No one can successfully bring a charge against us because...

Vs.34

No one can condemn us because...

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No one or nothing can separate us from the Love of God which is in Christ Jesus because...

His position is clear. He is for us. The questions for us is, are we for Him.

Believers live in response to the goodness of God through obedient, worshipful, surrendered lives.

If you haven't come into relationship with Him, you can do it right now.

Like a wedding proposal: Invitation to come to Jesus or to come back to Him.