

Chap 8:31-39



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Where have we been so far?

- Greeting and Introduction of the Gospel
- All have sinned, we need the Gospel by faith
- Justification by faith secures your future
- Choose to do right; sin is not your master
- Struggle is real, but victory is real and is now
- Spirit works to make the victory a reality

Rom 8:29-30

29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined...³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

- 5th verb also in past tense = certainty

Structure of Romans 31-39

- Four questions
- Four answers

Rom 8:31

Question 1

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

- What shall prevent our glorification?

Romans 8:32

Answer 1

32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

- Gen 22:9-12 – Like Abe, God didn't withhold
- God has proven His commitment & is "all in"

Romans 8:33

Question & Answer 2

33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

- The Judge already paid the fine...
 - Who cares what the prosecutor says?
 - The case is closed

Romans 8:34

Question & Answer #3

34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus...who is at the right hand of God...is interceding for us.

- Heb 12:1-2 – Jesus sits at God’s right hand
 - The One who paid the fine is arguing on our behalf, of course God will listen to Him

Romans 8:35

Question 4

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

- Progressively greater gravity of concern
- 2 Cor 11:24-28 – Paul faced all of these

Romans 8:36

Amplifying data

³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

- Paul quotes Psalm (44:22)
 - "Who cares, you have little if any value"

Romans 8:37

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

- Whether we live or die, we win!
 - *to live is Christ, and to die is gain (Phil 1:21)*

Romans 8:38-39

Answer #4

For I am sure that neither death nor life

- All possible states of existence

nor angels nor rulers

- All types of spiritual beings good and evil

nor things present nor things to come

- All periods of time

Romans 8:38-39

nor powers, nor height nor depth

- All spacial possibilities

nor anything else in all creation

- Etc., etc.

*will be able to separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Summary

- Who can be against us? Jesus provides all
- Who will accuse? Jesus intercedes for us
- Who shall condemn? Jesus paid the penalty
- What can separate us? Absolutely nothing!

The Gospel

Phil 4:12-13

- What about our past?
 - Jesus paid the penalty for our sin
- What about our present struggles?
 - Jesus broke the power of sin
- What about the future?
 - Jesus will remove the presence of sin



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