

IF GOD IS FOR US (Romans 8:31-39)

Introduction

- 1) **Romans 8:31** – *“If God is for us, who can be against us?”*
- 2) In Romans 8:31-39, the apostle Paul speaks about the triumphant faith and confidence that belongs only to the Christian who has been called, justified, and glorified (v. 30)
- 3) End of the section of chapters 6-8 – the new life in Christ as purposed by God (vv. 28-30)
- 4) Thrilling words to strengthen the faith of the Christian – ***God is for us!!***

I) **How shall He [Father] not with Him [Christ] also Freely Give us All Things? (v. 32)**

- A) We can have confidence that every spiritual blessing will be ours in Christ
 - 1) “All things” – those things of God’s purpose in Christ toward the faithful (cf. v. 28)
 - 2) “Freely” – according to His grace (Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:6-8)
- B) This confidence is based on the fact that God spared not His own Son (cf. Gen. 22:12)
 - 1) “Delivered up” – the ultimate voluntary sacrifice (Rom. 4:25; Mark 9:31)
 - 2) There can be no doubt that God will freely give us all spiritual blessings

II) **Who shall Bring a Charge against God’s Elect? (v. 33)**

- A) “Charge” – call to account, accuse
 - 1) We answer to no one but God Himself; our faith is not subject to human opinion or human judgment (Rom. 14:4, 10-12)
- B) God justifies men from sin by the blood of Christ (Rom. 5:9)
 - 1) Those elect of God are safe from the charges of evil (Rev. 12:9-10)
 - 2) If our sins are forgiven, then no other charge can be brought against us (1 Pet. 3:16)

III) **Who is He who Condemns? (v. 34)**

- A) No one can condemn the one who comes to God in Christ (Rom. 8:1; Gal. 5:23)
- B) Our confidence is in Christ who died, has risen, is at the right hand of God, and who also makes intercession for us (cf. Heb. 7:25)
 - 1) Jesus helps us in redeeming us from sin (Isa. 53:12; Heb. 9:24; 1 Pet. 1:18-19)

IV) **Who shall Separate us from the Love of Christ? (vv. 35-39)**

- A) The world’s worst troubles and sufferings cannot divide us from Christ and His love
 - 1) Quoted Psalm 44:22 – the faithful endure sufferings for Christ’s sake (2 Tim. 3:12)
- B) Will have victory in Christ: ***More than conquerors through Him who loved us!***
 - 1) Not “we might make it if we’re lucky,” but a decisive victory (1 Cor. 15:57; 1 Jn. 5:4)
- C) Paul was persuaded that nothing could force a separation from the love of God (Eph. 6:10-13); often can take far less for some to question God’s love and care
 - 1) Only sin can separate man from God (Isa. 59:2); but in Christ we find forgiveness of sin

Conclusion

Indeed, if God is for us, ***who or what could be against us?*** If we are on God’s side, why should we be dismayed or intimidated by anything in this life or the next? Supreme confidence, mixed with all humility and love, will motivate and strengthen our faith. Build up your faith in the knowledge of God and be fully persuaded of your hope in Christ.

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24-25)