

Romans 8:31-39

8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

God *is* for us.

Many people believe that God is out to get them, to destroy them, to damn them, to hinder them, etc. This is simply not true. How do we know that? How about the Lord Jesus Christ? How about you still seeing, breathing, walking, and talking and you have used those things as instruments of sin? God is not against you, he is for you. He wants man to be reconciled to himself through faith in Christ.

And seeing that God is on our side, who then could possibly be against us? That is how we can say, I will not be afraid of what man can do unto me (Psalm 56:4). That is why God says don't fear men which only can kill your body and afterwards do nothing (Matthew 10:28).

8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

God required of Abraham is only begotten son. And Abraham was willing to sacrifice him because he loved God. God was willing and sacrificed his only begotten Son because he loved us (John 3:16), and Jesus said that the Father's love for us was identical to the love he had for Jesus Christ (John 17:23). Wouldn't you like to hear that verse of scripture when you were down in the dumps? When you felt all alone in this world and no one could understand you?

God manifested his love toward us by sacrificing his best, likewise we manifest our love for him when we offer up our very best. The best we can offer up is our lives and give it to him (Romans 12:1-2).

Notice, God delivered him up for us **all**. Jesus Christ died for the sins of the world (1 John 2:2). He didn't just die for the elect, he died for the entire human race (2 Corinthians 5:15, Hebrews 2:9).

Paul's argument is simple: If God offered up his own Son for us while we were yet sinners and enemies of God, how will he not now **ALSO** freely give us all things?

How shall he not **with him** also **freely give us all things?**

What a grand statement we have here. Notice we inherit **ALL** things **WITH HIM**. You cannot receive all things without him. You must be with him to receive all things (Revelation 21:7, 1 John 5:4-5). And notice, you receive all things for **FREE**.

Read Isaiah 55:1-13 and Revelation 22:17.

God is offering everything you need for free. You just need to go to him and ask him for it (Luke 11:9-13). He said he would supply all your NEED not all your want through Christ (Philippians 4:19)

Now what does God mean by saying he would freely give us all things?

Paul when preaching at what would today be called a college campus, he said God doesn't need anything from you, since he gave you everything you have (Acts 17:21-31). God's work during the last 6,000 years has been for your sake (2 Corinthians 4:14-15).

Freely Given Us All Things:

Food (Genesis 9:3)

Healing (spiritual and physical) – (Matthew 10:8)

The Things of this life (wife, family, etc) – (1 Timothy 6:17).

Have sufficiency in all things that ye may abound to every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Instruction, guidance, and direction from the Holy Spirit (John 14:26, 1 John 2:27).

Given us and supplied us with what we need for life and godly living (2 Peter 1:3)

Justified from all things (Acts 13:39, Romans 3:24).

Fellowship with God, the “water of life” (Revelation 21:6, Jeremiah 17:13, John 7:37-40, Revelation 22:1).

8:33-34 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

It is pointless for any man, woman, or devil to charge a saint of God with anything, seeing God is the one that justifies. Who can condemn God's elect? Satan is up there day and night accusing the saints (Revelation 12:7-11) and he can't condemn us. No man or woman on this earth can condemn us. Only God Almighty has the power to do so, and thank God that is so, for he knoweth all hearts.

That book says to the Christian there is now no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. This passage does not teach that if you don't live right after salvation, you can be condemned again (eternally speaking), even though there is condemnation and reproach for living after the flesh (John 3:5-8, 17-18).

So right now Christ is seated at the right hand of God who prays for us fulfilling Isaiah 53:12, and the Holy Ghost prays for us according to the will of God (Romans 8:26-27). So we have the Holy Spirit praying for us, and the Lord Jesus Christ praying for us. You think their prayers get through? Praise God!

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that

loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Who or what shall separate us from Christ now that we belong to him?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No. Paul experienced all that and he testified Jesus was with him through it all.

Shall death, life, angels, principalities, powers, things in the present, things in the future, height, depth, or any other creature?

No. NOTHING SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD WHICH IS IN CHRIST?

Sin is what separated us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2).

But Christ was manifested to take away our sins (1 John 3:5, John 1:29), and verily he did so.

Now with sin paid for in full but the blood of Jesus Christ, there is **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING THAT CAN SEPEARATE US FROM GOD IF WE ARE IN CHRIST JESUS.**

Amen.