

**Series "How Great A Salvation"
"Freedom From Fear"
Romans 8:31-39
Study-24**

Romans 8:31 – If God is for us, who is against us?

Romans 8 Is A Review of Romans 1-7. The Believer cannot fear because the Holy Spirit will complete our salvation!

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Believer Enjoys Freedom From Fear Because Our foundation Of Hope And Glory Is Unshakable."

1. Verses 31-34 – Reality Of The Believer's Security

2. Verses 35-39 – Eternity Of The Believer's Security

1. Verses 31-34 – Reality Of The Believer's Security:

Romans 8:31 – Context: Romans 8 is a review of Romans 1-7. The immediate context is Verses 28-30 – The Pledge Of The Believer's Glory.

"What then shall we say to these things?" – Paul has asked this question 3X so far in Romans – Romans 6:1; 6:15; Romans 7:7.

Paul asks 5 questions in these closing verses:

Question #1 – "What then shall we say to these things?"

Romans 1-8 – Paul Covers 4 Subjects: 1) Condemnation, 2) Justification, 3) Sanctification, 4) Glorification.

"If God is for us, who is against us?" – "If" – "since; the fact that God is for us."

"If God is for us" – God in His fullness; The TRINITY:

1. Holy Spirit – Verse 26
2. Father – Verse 31
3. Jesus – Verse 34

Genesis 42:36

Romans 8:32 – "He who did not spare" – "withheld;" "His own Son," – Genesis 22:12.

"but delivered Him over for us all," – God the Father made the ultimate sacrifice for us, Isaiah 53:4-6.

Question #2 – “how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?” – This is an argument from the lesser to the greater.

2 Peter 1:1-3

God delivered His own Son up to save us. Won't God maintain our salvation?

Matthew 6:33

Romans 8:33

Question #3 – “who will bring a charge against” – “charge” – formal accusation in court; to press charges. God can't condemn those He justified!

“against God's elect” – “Those who have been foreknown, predestined, called, and justified in order that they might arrive at the final status of brethren, the first born.”

“God is the One Who justifies” – All sin is sin because it is an offense against God, John 8:10-11.

Satan Is The Accuser: Zechariah 3:1; Revelation 12:10. If God accuses us: Salvation is a failure; We are still in our sin.

Isaiah 50:8-9

Romans 8:34 – Question #4 – “who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He” – It is Jesus Christ! He alone has the authority.

1 John 3:20

Romans 8:3 – “He condemned sin in the flesh,”

Jesus' Substitutionary Death: “who died, yes,” – 1 Corinthians 15:3.

The Bodily Resurrection Of Jesus: “rather who was raised,” – Romans 1:4.

The Ascension Of Jesus: “who is at the right hand of God,” – Hebrews 10:12.

Jesus' Intercession For The Believers: “who also intercedes for us.” – Hebrews 7:25.

2. Verses 35-39 – Eternity Of The Believer’s Security:

Romans 8:35 – Question #5 – “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” – The word “separate” – “put asunder,” Matthew 19:5-6.

Paul Lists 7 Great Threatening Circumstances That Can’t Separate Us From God’s Love:

- 1. “Will tribulation”** – “placed under pressure, to be squeezed” Latin – “tribulum;” “separator, heavy timber with spikes in it which was dragged over wheat to separate the grain from the chaff.” God uses pressure to get us to rely upon Him, to empower us!
- 2. Will “Distress”** – “narrow space, place, crammed & pressed in by oppressive circumstances” – need to look up.
- 3. Will “Persecution”** – “to pursue, affliction, suffering for the sake of Christ” – verbal – physical.
- 4. Will “Famine”** – Often the result of persecution, rejection you may suffer economically – may be starved in prison.
- 5. Will “Nakedness”** – Not necessarily complete nudity but a person cannot adequately cloth themselves; Can’t be warm or covered.
- 6. Will “Peril”** – danger in general – being hated, jealousy, danger against us, mistreatment.
- 7. Will “Sword”** – executioner kills or murders Christians – abuses on the followers of Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:36; Psalm 44:22

“FOR YOUR SAKE” – This is the key! “His Sake”

Romans 8:37 – “But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer” – literally, “We are super conquerors!”

2 Corinthians 4:8-11; 2 Corinthians 12:9

Daniel 3:19-26

“conquer through Him who loved us.” – A loving God is behind the scenes.

Romans 8:38 – “For I am convinced” – “I have become, and I remain convinced, settled and unalterable;” Romans 8:28 – “And we know”

Paul's Top 10 Extremes Of Our Existence:

1. **"Death"** – The crisis of death – 2 Corinthians 5:8-9.
2. **"Life"** – The calamities of Life decisions – temptations are sometimes much harder than death – Matthew 28:20.
3. **"Angels"** – Super created beings – Hebrews 1:14.
4. **"Principalities"** – Higher rank – Fallen, hostile – demonic; God has given us the armor of God, Ephesians 6:12-17; Colossians 2:15.
5. **"Things Present"** – World order, individual, institutional, everything we experience now, John 8:58.
6. **"Things to Come"** – Future, Revelation 22:20.
7. **"Powers"** – Energy – evil working – sorcery – fortune telling; anything that would oppose God and His kingdom.

Romans 8:39

8. **"Height"** – "loftiness and eminence, power and authority," Romans 9:5.
9. **"Depth"** – Universe, Psalm 139:8.
10. **"Any other created thing"** – Something that is boundless.

"which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." – Jesus Christ, the master, Lordship.

"in Christ Jesus" – Paul ends where he starts, with Jesus Christ!

Application:

1. When All Is Forgiven, There Is Nothing To Hide, And Where There Is Nothing To Hide, There Is Nothing To Fear.
2. It Matters Not Who Or What Is Against Us. It Matters Who Is For Us, God.
3. Since God Delivered His Own Son Up To Save Us, Won't God, After Giving Up His Only Son, Also Maintain Our Salvation?