More than Conquerors!

(The Greatest Chapter: ROMANS EIGHT



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"God Is For Us" Romans 8:31-32

Some Biblical truths can leave you almost speechless and at the same time a little suspicious because it seems too good to be true. Romans 8:1-30 has left Paul almost speechless. He begins our text verse 31 with "what then shall we say to these things?" And yet on the other hand he knows that these truths are so immeasurably spectacular we will all struggle really believing. So, Paul gives us five questions of relentless intense Gospel logic to beat us out of our disbelief. It's logic on fire!

Five unanswerable questions: THINK OUT THE IMPLICATIONS!

v31: Feeling afraid? If God is for us, who can be against us? (God's Power)

v32: Feeling worried? He didn't spare his own son...? (God's Generosity)

v33: Feeling guilty? Who will bring any charge? God justifies! (God's Pardon)

v34: Feeling condemned? Christ died...was raised...intercedes! (Christ's Work)

v35: Feeling forsaken? Who shall separate us from His love? (Christ's Love)

vv36-39: The answer to all the questions. No one and nothing!

Heaven's Language:

What then shall we say to these things? v31a

Review vv1-30

If God is for us who can be against us? v31b

There are not more <u>terrifying</u> words in the Universe than the words, "God is against you." (Matt7:21-23)

There are not more <u>comforting</u> words in the Universe than the words, "God is for you." (James 4:6)

If you don't feel forever <u>indebted</u> to God then you don't understand the Gospel. (1Cor1:18; Gal6:14)

There is never a moment when you aren't an object of God's...

- Undivided <u>attention</u> Ps8:3-4, 139:1-6 (Omniscient), 7-12 (Omnipresent)
- Unconditional affection Ps63:3; Zeph3;17; Ps139:17-18
- Unhindered action Job 42:2; Ps46:1-3, 139:13-16 (Omnipotent)

During times of suffering you will <u>FEEL</u> abandoned by God, but the <u>FACT</u> is He will never ever leave you or forsake you! Heb13:5-6; 2Tim4:16-17

No one can be <u>successfully</u> against us! The efforts of any adversary will be thwarted and his aim to be against you will be turned into Christ-exalting, faith-fortifying, soul-sanctifying, painful benefit. Gen50:20; Isa54:17; 1John4:4

Heaven's Logic:

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? v32

- Nothing we can ever receive <u>can possibly compare</u> with God's gift of the sacrifice of His own Son in our place for our sins. John 3:16; Rom5:8-10
- Therefore, it doesn't make sense to think that He would fail to provide you with <u>everything you need</u> between your conversion and your final resurrection. Ps84:11; 1Cor3:21-23; Eph1:3
- When you give way to excessive anxiety, anger and depression you are committing an act of <u>Gospel irrationality</u>. Matt6:31-33

Growing Notes

- 1) Have you ever had a Biblical truth leave you speechless and at the same time a little suspicious because it seemed too good to be true? Explain. What are the five questions of relentless intense Gospel logic Paul uses to beat us out of our disbelief (Romans 8:31-39)? What ails us is a failure to think out the implications of the gospel. Explain.
- **2)** Read Romans 8:31-32. What stands out to you? Review Romans 8:1-30 the list of immeasurably spectacular promises we have in Christ. Can you see why Paul is almost speechless (v31 "What then shall we say to these things?")? Which of these are you most in need of today?
- 3) Why are there not more terrifying words in the Universe than the words, "God is against you" (Matt7:21-23)? Why are there not more comforting words in the Universe than the words, "God is for you"? How can we have God for us (James4:6)? What does it mean that God is for us (see sermon notes)? What does it mean that no one can be successfully against us if God is for us (Gen50:20; Isa54:17; 1John4:4)?
- **4)** What is the irrefutable and comforting logic of Heaven according to v32? Why is there nothing we can ever receive that can possibly compare with God's gift of His Son (John 3:16; Rom5:8-10)? Why is excessive anxiety, anger & depression a sign of Gospel irrationality (Matt6:31-33)? What is God speaking to you? Pray.