

Romans 8:31-39. Lesson 8. SSVBS

Romans 8 begins with “No Condemnation in Christ” and ends with “No Separation from the love Christ” and in between is “Never Alone”.

8:18-29 God assures His child that in the midst of the “groans” of this life God is working all things together for the good of His child. This divine plan for our good is assured by five affirmations:

1. God has foreknown you from before time: 29-30
2. God has predestined your life for conforming me you to Christ: 29
3. God has called each one who has believed in Jesus Christ: 29-30
4. God has justified all who have put faith in Jesus: 29
5. God has already glorified us as though it has happened—guaranteed a glorious end: 30

8:31-39. In response to what God has already done for us in Jesus Christ, Five Unanswerable Questions are asked about what God the Father or His Son, Jesus Christ, will do with His struggling, failing at times, sinning, and woefully weak child.

Five Unanswerable Questions

1. If God is for you, who can be against you? 31

World: Appeal from without

Flesh: Appetite from within

Devil: Attack from without

No enemy is greater than our God who is working for us.

2. The Father who did not spare His Son, will He not freely give us all (good things of 28) things? 32

Cp. Genesis 22:15. Abraham was given credit for not withholding His only son, while God the Father plunged the knife: “He spared not His only Son for us” will He not give us all good things.

3. Who will bring a charge against God’s elect? 33

God the Father has already met all the requirements for a sinner to be right in His sight (1:16-17; 3:25-26; 4:1-5).

Jesus Christ rose from the dead as the guarantee that those Who trust Christ are just in the sight of God (4:25).

My Advocate

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I sinned. And straightway, posthaste, Satan flew
Before the present of the most High God,
And made a railing accusation there.
He said, "This soul, this thing of clay and sod,
Has sinned. Tis true that he has named Thy Name.
But I demand his death, for Thou hast said,
"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."
Shall not Thy sentence be fulfilled? Is justice dead?
Send now this wretched sinner to his doom.
What other thing can righteous ruler do?
And this he did accuse me day and night,
And every word he spoke, oh, God, was true!

Then quickly one rose up from God's right hand.
Before whose glory angels veiled their eyes,
He spoke, "Each jot and tittle of the law must be fulfilled
The guilty sinner dies!

But wait----suppose his guilt were all transferred to Me
And I paid His penalty!
Behold My hands, My side, My feet! One day I was made sin
For him, and died that he might be presented faultless, at
thy Throne!"
And Satan fled away. Full well he knew that he could
Not prevail against such love.
For every word my dear Lord spoke was true.

4. Who is the one who condemns? 34

It will not be the Christ who died to pay the penalty of your Crime/sin.

It will not be the Christ who was raised for your justification.

It will not be from the Christ who ascended and intercedes for you.

5. Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

Is salvation (being saved from the consequences of sin and being rescued from its penalty) man's work for God or God's work on behalf of man?

Does the sheep find the shepherd or does the shepherd find the sheep? In the OT the sheep died for the shepherd, but in John 10 Jesus said the shepherd had come to die for the sheep.

If God is working everything together for our good, will He Ultimately get us to heaven? Are you sure you are going to heaven? Many have a form of godliness but are lost (2 Tim.3:1-5; Matt. 7:15-23).

Saints are to persevere to the end while our God Preserves us by His keeping power and His paying power: Calvary covers it all.

Augustus Toplady wrote the English hymn called "Full Assurance":

The work which His goodness began

The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is Yea and Amen
And never was forfeited yet;
Things future, nor things that are now,
Nor all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forgo,
Or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace;
Yes, I to the end shall endure
As sure as the earnest is given;
More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven!

He also wrote, "Faith Reviving":

"If thou hast my discharge procured,
And freely in my room endured
The whole of wrath divine,
Payment God cannot twice demand,
First at my bleeding Surety's hand,
And then again at mine.

God has paid it all in the Son He would not spare: Jesus
Paid It all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He
Washed it white as snow.