

## Session #32: “THE GREAT QUESTIONS OF GOD”— *Romans 8:31-39*

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

Principle #1 - CONDEMNATION - 1:18-3:20

Principle #2 - JUSTIFICATION - 3:21-5:21

Principle #3 - SANCTIFICATION - 6:1-7:25

Principle #4 - SECURITY - 8:1-39

1A. GIVEN BY THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - ROMANS 8:1-17

2A. GROUNDED IN OUR HOPE - ROMANS 8:18-25

### • **3A. GUARANTEED BY THE FACTS - ROM 8:26-39**

1B. The PRAYER of the Spirit – 26-27

2B. The PURPOSE of God - 28-30

### • **3B. The PROMISE of God -31-34 Five great questions regarding our security**

**Rom 8:31 *What then shall we say to these things? If (and it is true!) God is for us, who can be against us?***

“What then shall we say to these things?” - cf. Rom. 3:5; 4:1; 6:1; 7:7; 8:31; 9:14, 30

The immediate context of “*these things*” deals with the facts about our assurance, such as the Person and work of the Holy Spirit, the purpose of God in “*all things*” etc.

- ✓ 1C. As to His Protection – 31 - QUESTION #1 - “*If (since) God be for us, who can be against us?*”  
The PREMISE: “*If God be for us*” - “*if (since)*”- **and it is true!** (*ei* with indicative) - cf. *Psalms 27:1-5; 46:1-3, 7, 11; 56:4, 11; 62:1-2, 5-6; 1 Cor. 16:9; 1 John 4:4; 5:18 - cf. Joshua 1:5, 9; 10:42; 1 Sam. 14:6; 17:45-47 - God is always for you/us!!!*

**Rom 8:32 *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?***

- ✓ 2C. As to His Provision – 32 - QUESTION #2 – “*How shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*” The PREMISE: “*He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all*” - “*freely give*” - Greek: *charisetai* - cf. *Psa. 84:11; Eph. 1:3* – “*blessed*” – There is some implication here that God could have done it another way. But we see the cross was God’s way of glorifying His Son! He paid it all- past, present and future!!

**Rom 8:33 *Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.***

- ✓ 3C. As to His Pardon – 33 - QUESTION #3 – “*Who shall bring a charge of God’s elect?*” - The PREMISE: “*It is God who justifies*” - Cf. *Isa. 54:17; 61:1-3; 64:6-8; Rom. 3:21-28; Titus 3:5; James 3:13-18, 8-12; Rev. 12:9-11* You have been pardoned from everything you have done or ever could do.

**Rom 8:34 *Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.*** (Take that!!)

- ✓ 4C. As to His Prayer – 34 - QUESTION #4 – “*Who is he that condemns?*” The PREMISE: “*It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, - who is even at the right hand of God, who also*

*makes intercession for us” - cf. Heb. 7:25; 9:24; 1 John 2:1-2 (advocate) - cf. Psalms 109:30-31; John 3:16-18; 8:3-11 - “the right hand”(closest to the Father, also expresses power and authority- the One who is to judge) - Mark 16:19; Acts 7:56; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 1 Pet. 3:22*

- **4B. The POWER of love - 35-39**

*Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword (dying)?*

*Rom 8:36 As it is written: "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL DAY LONG; WE ARE ACCOUNTED AS SHEEP FOR THE SLAUGHTER."*

*Rom 8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*

*Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,*

*Rom 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- ✓ 5C – As to the **Power of His love** - QUESTION #5 – “*Who (or what) shall separate us from the love of Christ?*” - The PREMISE: “*we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us*” - (Gr: *hupernikao*)

(1) We become **stronger (not weaker) through trials** - cf. **2 Cor. 12:9-10; 1 Pet. 5:8-10** **We don't just get out of it; We become strengthened!**

(2) We **have a future reward** - **2 Cor. 4:17-18**. v. 36 - quote from **Psa. - 44:20-26** speaks of Israel's suffering - being cast off by God and scattered among the nations - cf. **Rom. 11:1-2** cf. **Heb. 11:32-12:2** - cf. **John 6:37-39; 10:28-30**