



ROMANS 8:31-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² 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? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:31–39)

Introduction

- "Anyone who has studied the Bible with care knows that there are times when we come to some soaring pinnacle of revelation and are left nearly breathless by the view. This is what happens when we come to the last great paragraph of Romans 8. Commentators have called these verses a 'hymn of assurance,' 'a triumph song,' 'the highest plateau in the whole of divine revelation.' But these accolades are surely all too weak. This is a mountaintop paragraph. It is the Everest of the letter and thus the highest peak in the highest Himalayan range of Scripture." (James Boice, *Romans*)

- A Preliminary Outline:
 - Romans 1:1-17 – Introduction
 - Romans 1:18-3:20 – Depravity
 - Romans 3:21-5:21 – Justification
 - Romans 6:1-8:39 – _____
- “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:6)

What confidence do we have that in the midst of suffering our sanctification will result in glorification?

- The Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf even when we don’t know what to pray (Romans 8:26-27).
- The sovereignty of God in salvation reminds us that God will finish what he starts (Romans 8:28-30).
- The coordinated work of the _____ and the _____ guarantees the certainty of our salvation (Romans 8:31-39).

Questions and Answers

- **What** then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, **who** can be against us? The _____ work of the Father ensures our final glorification (1:18-8:30).
- 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? The _____ work of the Son ensures our final glorification (8:32).
- **Who** shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. The _____ work of the Father ensures our final glorification (8:33).
- **Who** is to condemn? The _____ work of the Son ensures our final glorification (8:34).
- **Who** shall separate us from the love of Christ? Nothing in all of creation will ever be able to separate the people of God from the _____ of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (8:35-39).