

“These Things, These Days”

Romans 8:31-39 (Amplified Bible)

What then shall we say to all these things? If God is for us, who can be [successful] against us? ³² He who did not spare [even] His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God’s elect (His chosen ones)? It is God who justifies us [declaring us blameless and putting us in a right relationship with Himself]. ³⁴ Who is the one who condemns us? Christ Jesus is the One who died [to pay our penalty], and more than that, who was raised [from the dead], and who is at the right hand of God interceding [with the Father] for us. ³⁵ Who shall ever separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ Just as it is written and forever remains written, “FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE ARE REGARDED AS SHEEP FOR THE SLAUGHTER.”³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors and gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us [so much that He died for us]. ³⁸ For I am convinced [and continue to be convinced—beyond any doubt] that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present and threatening, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the [unlimited] love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

What then shall we say to all these things? Let’s be honest today and write a declaration of what we believe.

Paul writes to the Church at Rome and clearly shows them what Christ has done for the sinner that he may be saved. Let’s read together and answer according to our genuine faith.

1. **What then shall we say to this?** *If God is for us, who can be [successful] against us?*
I believe: _____
2. **What then shall we say to this?** ³² *He who did not spare [even] His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?* _____

3. **What then shall we say to this?** ³³ *Who will bring any charge against God’s elect (His chosen ones)? It is God who justifies us [declaring us blameless and putting us in a right relationship with Himself].* _____

4. **What then shall we say to this?** ³⁴ *Who is the one who condemns us? Christ Jesus is the One who died [to pay our penalty], and more than that, who was raised [from the dead], and who is at the right hand of God interceding [with the Father] for us.* _____

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8. **What then shall we say to this?** *The LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, to guide and to shield me], I shall not want. ² He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still and quiet waters.* _____
9. **What then shall we say to this?** *The LORD is my Shepherd ... He refreshes and restores my soul (life); He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.* _____
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10. **What then shall we say to this?** *The LORD is my Shepherd ... Even though I walk through the [sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort and console me.* _____
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11. **What then shall we say to this?** *The LORD is my Shepherd ... You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You have anointed and refreshed my head with oil; my cup overflows.* _____
12. **What then shall we say to this?** *The LORD is my Shepherd ... Surely goodness and mercy and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell forever [throughout all my days] in the house and in the presence of the LORD.* _____
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Would you be so bold today to declare to the LORD what you believe? In these troubling times, God is the only One able to see us through. He requires of us to be faithful, not fearful. There is a watching wondering world waiting! Will you trust Him to see you through?