

OUR ULTIMATE SECURITY – PART 1

ROMANS 8:31-39

INTRODUCTION:

Romans 8:29-30 spoke of God's two-fold purpose of salvation and then laid out for us the progression of salvation from God's point of view. It is absolutely amazing to realize that God's plan of salvation for people progresses from eternity past to eternity future and He will carry out His plan and purpose perfectly.

In this last section of this chapter Paul asks and answers 7 questions that drive home this truth that he has been teaching in this chapter that a believer's eternal salvation is eternally secure in God's hands. The first part, verses 31-34 focus on the love of God the Father, the second part, verses 35-39 focus on the love of God the Son, and how their love for those God has chosen in His foreknowledge secures our salvation until our glorification.

THE LOVE OF GOD THE FATHER

--ROMANS 8:31-34--

I. QUESTION ONE – AN INTRODUCTION (Romans 8:31a)

- a. Paul's first question is a general question that points back to all that he has already said in this _____.
- b. He begins this final section with an introductory question, he writes, "*What then shall we _____ to these things?*" (Romans 8:31a, NASB95)

II. QUESTIONS TWO AND THREE: WHO IS AGAINST US?

- (Romans 8:31b-32)
- a. Paul's second question gets right to the issue of our eternal _____. He writes, "*If God is for us, who is against us?*" (Romans 8:31, NASB95)
 - b. Because He is for us, who is _____ us? (Psalm 118:6; Psalm 27:1)
 - c. Clearly there is no one that we must _____ when it comes to the eternal security of our salvation.

- d. But we must remember that the _____ of salvation is God's work, not ours.
- e. The only One who could take away our _____ is the One who gave it to us but the very thought of that goes against what God's Word says, even what our passage says today.
- f. This idea of not _____ His own Son is so clearly foreshadowed or pictured for us in the Old Testament. (Genesis 22; Hebrews 11:17-19)
- g. Jesus Christ's substitutionary atonement on our behalf is not only the foundation of our salvation, but also the foundation of our eternal _____. (2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 5:2; John 14:2-3; 16)
- h. Paul in this verse includes himself with the _____ in Rome. (Ephesians 1:3)

III. QUESTIONS FOUR AND FIVE: WHO ACCUSES?

(Romans 8:33-34)

- a. Paul moves onto to answer two more questions that may arise in a believer's _____.
- b. He writes, "*Who will bring a _____ against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns?*" (Romans 8:33–34a, NASB95) (Revelation 12:10)
- c. Understand that many of the accusations made by Satan and the unbelieving world against believers are _____, but that is not always the case.
- d. This is the answer that Paul gives in response to the question of who is the one who _____? Paul reminds us of what Jesus Christ has done and is doing for us now so that there is no more condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (John 10:27-30)
- e. Paul in this verse reveals to us four things about Jesus Christ that _____ our salvation, that proves that we are eternally secure in Jesus Christ.
 1. First, Paul writes that Christ Jesus is He who _____. (Romans 8:1)

2. Second, Paul writes that Jesus was _____ from the dead.
3. Third, Paul writes that Jesus Christ is at the _____ hand of God, the place of honor and exaltation. (Philippians 2:8-9; Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 10:11-12)
4. Fourth, Paul writes that Jesus Christ also _____ for us. (Isaiah 53:12; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 1:9; 2:1)

CONCLUSION:

___If you understand what Jesus Christ did for you on the cross through His death to save you from sin, then you understand what it means to be secure in His salvation. God loved us so much even when we were still wretched, rebellious sinners, that He sent His only Son to die on the cross for us. Paul already stated this truth in Romans 5:8, "*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*" (Romans 5:8, NASB95) He did this, sent His Son to the cross to bring us to Himself, if He made this supreme sacrifice out of love for wretched sinners, how could we believe that after we are saved His love is not strong enough to keep us saved? God's love and power are great enough to free us from the bondage of sin and to keep us saved until our salvation is complete and we enter our glorified state. For whatever time we have left on this earth and then through all of eternity, our glorious Lord and Savior will keep us safe, will keep us eternally secure, in His eternal love by His everlasting omnipotence.