The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

"What then shall we say to these things?"

– Romans 8:31

"Who is against us?" (v. 31)

"Who will bring a charge against God's elect?" (v.33)

"Who is the one who condemns?" (v. 34)

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (v.35)

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[31] What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?

[32] He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

[33] Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

[34] who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

[35] Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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[36] Just as it is written,

"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

[37] But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

[38] For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

[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.

(Romans 8:31-39)

What Shall We Say?

1. Summary: "God is for us!"

   • He is not against us in His wrath – we are reconciled to God (no condemnation)

   • His power, wisdom and grace are directed for our ultimate good

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What Shall We Say?

2. Question: "Who is against us?"

   • no one can ultimately harm us or prevent God's good purpose for us

   • the actions of those against us are designed by God to be ultimately for us

What Shall We Say?

3. Support: The Cross

- the greatest demonstration that God is forever *for us* is the giving of His Son *for us* (c.f. Rom. 5:8)

- if God did not withhold the greatest (most difficult) gift from us, He will not now withhold any other good thing