

God IS FOR US ~ Romans 8:31-32

→Scripture Reading Rom. 8:28-32

INTRODUCTION

8:1 ...there is now NO CONDEMNATION for those who are IN Christ Jesus... (NIV)

8:3 For what the law was powerless to DO... ...God DID by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to BE a sin offering... (NIV)

8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, Abba, Father. (NIV)

8:26 ...the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to PRAY FOR, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. (NIV)

8:28 ...we know that in ALL THINGS God works for the GOOD of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

8:29 ...be CONFORMED to the likeness of his Son... (NIV)

8:30 And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified. (NIV)

How do We RESPOND? ~ Romans 8:31-32

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to this? 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, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

For anyone to rob us of our salvation the person would have to be more powerful than GOD. MacArthur

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8:3 ...what the Law was POWERLESS to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God DID by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to BE a SIN offering... (NIV)

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV) His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.

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Nothing could show us more clearly that the atonement is an ACT OF God that proceeds from the HEART of God through the WILL of God. It is an ACT and a FACT in history, entirely beyond human beings... Barnhouse

Acts 2:22-23 (NIV) Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was HANDED OVER to you by God's set PURPOSE and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put HIM to death by nailing him to the cross.

IMPLICATIONS

→God is FOR US

³¹ ...God is FOR US...

John 3:16 (HCS) For God loved the world in this way: He GAVE His One and Only Son, so that everyone who BELIEVES in Him will not perish but HAVE eternal life.

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives IN me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who LOVED ME and gave Himself FOR ME.

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²⁰ I live by faith in the Son of God, who LOVED ME and gave Himself FOR ME.

→ God is NOT AGAINST us

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Isaiah 41:10 (NLT) Don't be afraid, for I AM WITH YOU. Don't be discouraged, FOR I AM YOUR GOD. I will strengthen you and help you. I will HOLD YOU UP with my victorious right hand.

We bring our weakness and He gives us His strength; we bring our sin and He furnishes pardoning grace; we bring our nothingness and He answers with His Fulness. Barnhouse

→ Because God is FOR US we can FACE all our FEARS and Struggles with His Strength

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Psalm 23:4 (NIV) Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for YOU are WITH me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

2 Timothy 4:16-17 (NIV) At my first defense, NO ONE came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at MY SIDE and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

TAKE AWAY ??

→ God will Hold NOTHING BACK that we NEED

³² He who did NOT SPARE His own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously GIVE us ALL things?

You may tell a man who IS in the FIRE that when he is tried he will come forth as gold, but there is a moment when the flames are more real than the gold. Barnhouse

Remember that Life with its Sufferings Barnhouse

- has a DEFINITE purpose Rm 8:28
- that we are NEVER ALONE Rm. 8:31
- that we are in PROCESS Rm 8:29

→ Picture of refiners Fire...

Isaiah 43:1-3 (NIV) But now, this is what the LORD says - He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "FEAR NOT, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are MINE. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. **When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;** the flames will not set you ablaze. ³ For **I AM the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...**