Dear Open Door Family,

Well, Thanksgiving has come and gone. We are now looking forward to Christmas in just a few days. As we enjoy the Christmas season with all the lights and music, let us remember that the reason Jesus came to earth was to die for us. As we meditate on that, consider what it must have been like for God the Father to actually SEND His only Son. Knowing all that was to happen... He still sent Jesus. No wonder Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year. Let's look at these verses together.

Romans 8:31-32 *(NIV) 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?*

Romans 8:32 *(Phillips) He that did not hesitate to spare his own Son but gave him up for us all - can we not trust such a God to give us, with him, everything else that we can need?*

What an amazing statement. Since God is for us, is there anyone who can actually be against us? The answer that is expected is no one. It goes even further when Paul clearly spells out how much He really is "for us." God did not spare Jesus, but sacrificed Him on the cross for us. If God did that then He is FOR US.

Piper: "If God did the hardest thing of all - namely, give up his own Son to suffering and death - then it is certain that he will do the comparatively easy thing, namely, give us all things with him." (From: Fifty Reasons Jesus Came to Die pg. 52)

PRAYER: Lord God, thank You for giving Your Son for me. Thank You for being on my side and for me. May I live each day in the light of the TRUTH that Nothing can truly be against me and win because You are for me.

Pasto Mark Kieft
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