

## “SAFE WITH GOD”

### Romans 8:31-39

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Suppose someone were to ask you to walk through a dense forest at night. You would ask for some assurance that you would be safe as you walk through this dense forest especially if it were an unknown way. If you had never been that way before then you would want to be sure that you would be safe from danger, either the danger of wild animals or the danger of some robber who might fall upon you.

Well, friend, this world is something like a forest. In this world we Christians also ask for assurance of safety. The forces of evil are against us. The spiritual evil forces are powerful and deceiving. We want to be sure that we are safe. We need to know that to be free from fear God has assured us that we are safe with Him. We are SAFE WITH GOD when we trust His promises. The Apostle Paul was guided by the Holy Spirit to give us assurance of safety in Romans 8:31-39.

31. *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

32. *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things.*

33. *Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*

34. *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

35. *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

36. *As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*

37. *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

38. *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,*

39. *Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Let us look for the ANSWERS to the four questions Paul raises so we may learn how safe we are in God and with God.

WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? We must all admit that we have no real strength in ourselves to match the enemies, the opposing forces. No. The Apostle raises the question here, “Who can be against us?” We must grasp the introductory words to the question. There are five: if God be for us. “If God be for us, who can be against us?” Now there you can see God’s protection for he is implying that no one can be against God and succeed.

How can we be sure we are safe? We can be sure when we believe that God protects us. We are under God’s protection. He is our strong shield. He is our loving, caring, helping Father. So we can be confident, we can feel secure, we can be safe, because no one can prevail against us when God is for

us. When God is for us then we are under His protection, we are safe in His care.

**WHO CAN ACCUSE US?** The next question is in verse 33: “Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth.” In other words who can accuse us? Who can bring any charge against us? Who can lay anything against us? Now we know they will try. Jesus said that we should rejoice when all men speak evil of us. Jesus warned not to be surprised if the world hates us because it hated Him before it hated us.

The Bible teaches us that Satan is the accuser of the brethren. He will cause men to lay something against us but once God has justified us He will not hear any case against us again. O praise the Lord.

The question is, “Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect?. It is God that justifieth.” Once we are pardoned, the charge cannot be reentered. The case cannot be opened. Praise the Lord! that thought needs to be repeated. Once we are pardoned the case cannot come before the prosecuter again. So we are safe under His prosecution because the One who justifies us is the One who has all the right to say. No one can accuse us because we are under God’s prosecution.

**WHO CAN CONDEMN US?** Study carefully that Christ is our advocate. “It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.” There are three aspects to the ministry of Christ here in this one verse: He died, He rose from the dead, He is at God’s right hand to intercede for us.

It would not seem that there would be anyone to condemn us then because Christ has taken care of our condemnation. When we receive Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour then He extends pardon to us. When we are pardoned we cannot be condemned. We are safe in God’s pardon. Oh that’s great. Nobody can condemn us because Christ has died for us and when we receive Jesus Christ as our own personal Saviour we are safe in His pardon.

**WHO CAN SEPARATE US?** Is it possible that circumstances can separate us from the love of God? He names a number in the last part of verse 35: tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword. Are these circumstances able to separate us from the love of God? No, they are not able to separate us from the love of God because, the Apostle says in verse 37, we are more than conquerors, but only through Him who loved us.

In verses 38 and 39 there is a long list, of inner experiences and outer experiences that the Apostle Paul writes off and says these cannot separate us: “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature.” Nothing is able “to separate us from the love of God.” We are safe in His provision. Yes!

Are we safe with God? We are safe in His protection, He is for us. We are safe in His prosecution, He justifies us. We are safe in His pardon; He forgives us. We are safe in His provision; He keeps us. Let us go boldly forth to do His work assured of His care for our safety.