

FBC Service Sunday October 26, 2025, Romans 8:31-37 Five Great Questions

Slide 1 Intro Image; Throughout the NT, many great questions are asked, questions such as, “*who do men say that I am, what must I do to be saved, what do you want me to do for you.*”

Slide 2 and 3: Five Questions: Here in Romans verses 31-37, we see a whole slew of questions.

“*If God be for us, who can be against us?*”—**This is not a question of possibility, but of certainty.** God is for us. The Creator of heaven and earth stands on our side.

“*Will God hold back on us?*”—He did not spare His own Son. What more could He possibly withhold?

“*Who can successfully accuse us before God?*”—The Judge of all has already declared us righteous.

“*Who can condemn us?*”—*Christ died, rose again, and now intercedes for us.* The verdict is grace.

“*Who can ever separate us from the love of God?*”—*Not tribulation, not death, not anything in all creation. We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us.*”

Slide 4: These Questions Are Not Meant to Be Answered — They Are Meant to Be Believed.

They pierce through fear, shame, and doubt. **They are declarations of victory.** Each question is a trumpet blast announcing the security and assurance we have in Christ.

They gather the chapter’s major truths into a triumphant declaration of God’s love and power.

The questions are used to emphasize that if God is for believers, then nothing can stand against them, and nothing can separate them from His love.

The questions pile up one after another —bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, like shots out of a machine gun.

They summarize the love of God and the grace of God, and all that God has done for us in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

They are meant to silence every voice of fear and awaken every heart to hope. Meant to give the assurance that nothing—**absolutely nothing**—can undo what God has done for us in Christ.

This morning, we reach the end of chapter 8 of the book of Romans and summarize the great questions we have looked at over the past weeks.

Slide 5: Question # 1: If God Be for Us, Who Can Be Against Us? 31

This is the question that the people of the world want answered. Is there a God, and if there is a God, is He for us or against us?

When Paul says if God be for us, he’s not saying maybe he is and maybe he isn’t. It can be translated “Since God is for us” or “Because God is for us.”

There is no truth more fundamental in all of God’s Word than this truth. **God is for us.** He is not against us. He is not neutral towards us. Because of Jesus Christ, once and for all the question is settled.

Slide 6: God is for us.

1. We know that God is FOR us because He has given us His Son.
2. We know that God is FOR us because He has settled the question of our sin.
3. We know that God is FOR us because He has given us His Spirit.
4. We know that God is FOR us because He has adopted us into His family and has made us joint-heirs with His Son (verses 14-17).
5. We know that God is FOR us because He has promised that all things will work together for our good
6. We know that God is FOR us because He has guaranteed our eternal security.

You might be saying to yourself, hey Alex,

Slide 7: What About People of Other Religions

Surely they can be against us

What about the secular media - **Surely they can be against us**

What about friends and co-workers - **Surely they can be against us**

What about some family members who think we have gone off the deep end

What about the devil and his opposition to all things spiritual

But Paul's question is, **"If God be for us, who can be against us?"** In other words, who can really defeat us, if God is on our side? **The answer is nobody.**

No one can match the power of the Creator of the Universe. When Almighty God is on our side, there is no enemy that can stand against us! **Victory is sure.**

Slide 8: Question # 2: Will God Hold Back On 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?"

Paul is saying if God has already given us His son, if He's done that for us, will He hold back anything else that we truly need? **The answer is no.** If He's given us His son, He's given us the best that He has.

He has not held back the best that heaven has.

Will he hold back from us food? **No, he won't.**

Will he hold back from us water? **No, he won't.**

Will he hold back a job? **No, he won't.**

Will he hold back from us answers to our prayers? **No, he won't.**

If he's given us His best, will He hold back the rest? **No, He won't.** If God has done this much we may be sure that if we need anything else, He will supply it for us. **Why? Because God is for us.**

Paul argues from the greater to the lesser. He says, *"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?"* (v. 32)

Slide 9: God Has Already Given Us the Greatest Gift He Can Give. He has already invested heavily in us by giving us His Son. Paul said God *"did not spare his own son"*.

He could have spared His son. He could have called down a host of angels. He could have struck down the Lord's opponents. But He didn't because He knew it was the only way for you and me to be saved.

I can't conceive of a love that could lead me to give up my child. God's love for me is deeper than any love I have known or experienced. He is deeply committed to us.

He has met our greatest need for salvation and new life and did so at a great personal cost.

So will He hold back anything else that we truly need? **A thousand times no.** If He's given us His son, He's given us the best that He has.

Slide 10: Question # 3: Who can successfully accuse us before God? 33

"Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies."

This is the question of protection. What if someone wants to accuse us before God? **Can anyone bring a charge against the believer in Christ and make it stick?**

Satan comes along and testifies against us in the court of heaven, "Get rid of him! He's a bum! He's a sinner! Did you see what he did? Did you hear what he said? Do you know where she went last night?"

When we attempt to preach what the Word of God says, people are going to criticize us.

They will call us narrow-minded, judgmental and bigoted. Others will call us hypocrites and phonies. There will be those who tell us that we are wrong in our beliefs and depraved in our actions.

And let's not forget the devil who Jesus described as a murderer, a liar, a deceiver, and accuser. He will be quick to point out our sins and underscore our struggles.

He frequently attacks God's children with the words, "How could someone who loves Jesus act this way?"

Slide 11: Some Of the Things People Will Say About Us Will Be True

Some of the things others say about us will be true. And some of the most pointed accusations against us will actually come from within us.

There will be times when we see our own struggle and we accuse ourselves.

We see our inconsistencies and conclude that anyone who lives the way we do, can't possibly be a child of God.

Paul declares the verdict is already in: God has declared us not guilty. The word he uses for “charge” means to make a formal accusation in court or to “press charges”.

Slide 12: Who Is There Who Can Bring a Charge That Can Stick in the ears of Almighty God? The answer is no one!

No one can say, “Oh God, you have chosen this person, but they have disgraced you, you ought to get rid of them.”

But like a trumpet blast, Paul says these assuring words, it is God who justifies. That means the judge of the universe is on every believer's side.

There is no one who can bring a charge against you which will ever cause your salvation to be in jeopardy. God will not listen to that charge. **Why?**

Because when you came to saving faith in Jesus, your life was made right with God, no matter how sinful your past it was forgiven. God sees you **now in Jesus and declares you righteous.**

And when God justifies you, you stay justified.

Slide 13: When God Says Not Guilty, Nobody Can Ever Condemn You nor Can You Be Guilty Again.

But always bear in mind there are still consequences when we do wrong, even as believers. Do we fail? Yes. Is some condemnation deserved? **Absolutely.**

Are there times when our relationship with God will be strained because of our sin? **Yes.**

Can these things invalidate our salvation? **Never!** Our sin has been paid for. God has already justified us or declared us “not guilty”.

Slide 14: Question # 4: Who Can Condemn Us? 34

“Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is interceding for us.”

Here Paul asks his fourth question. (v. 34)

Who is it that condemns us?

No one on earth can condemn us because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, rose from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, making intercession for his people.

This word “intercede” has the idea of someone who comes to our defense.

Jesus is always at the right hand of the Father to remind Him that He was judged in our place on the Cross.

Suppose you pay a certain bill, but the owner of the company comes to you and threatens legal action if you don't pay. **What do you do?** You produce the receipt or the cancelled cheque to show that you did indeed pay your bill. **The receipt settles the issue.**

Slide 15: In A Sense Every Time Someone Makes a Charge Against Us; Jesus Produces the Receipt. He paid the debt on our behalf.

We live in a world where we are condemned for our failings.

But who is it that can condemn us and make it stick? The answer is no one.

Slide 16: Question # 5: Who Can Ever Separate Us from the Love of God? 35-39

This entire passage now comes to a grand crescendo. This is when the fireworks go off and the cymbals clash. I can imagine the Apostle Paul SHOUTING these last words,

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love.

39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Slide 17: Who Can Separate Us from The Love of God? The answer is no one.

Those he loves, he loves forever. Those he saves, he saves forever.

Our text gives us a list of things that somebody might think can separate us from the love of God.

He says what about trouble? **No.**

Hardship? **No.**

Persecution? **No.**

What about famine? **No.**

Nakedness? **No.**

Danger? **No.**

Sword? **No.**

Slide 18: All These Things Could Happen to the People of God.

You could have persecution.

You could have trouble.

You could someday face the sword.

You could someday be naked.

You could someday be living in famine.

You could someday be persecuted for your faith.

All these things could happen.

Verse 36. *“For your sake we face death all day long.”*

That too may happen. Martyrdom is a terrible reality for some of God’s people scattered around the world.

Not everyone today has it cushy like we have here in Petrolia. Not everybody around the world has a lot of money. Not everybody around the world has a good job.

Not everybody around the world who loves the Lord can get in a car and drive away.

Believers in many parts of the world know all about persecution, famine, hardship and even death.

Can that terrible situation separate them from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus? Paul says no, it can’t.

Let’s all learn this lesson. We are not going to heaven because we’re hanging onto Jesus.

We’re going to go to heaven because Jesus is holding onto us.

As we ponder these questions there are a couple of conclusions.

Slide 19: First, it is important that we Remember That These Promises Are Only for Believers. These affirmations are not for those who go to church, for those who try to be good, or for those who are well-respected.

These affirmations apply ONLY to those who having recognized their own sin, have turned to Christ alone for their salvation. **These promises are only for those who put their entire hope in Him.**

Slide 20: Application

As we stand beneath the towering truths of Romans 8:31–37, we’re not left to admire them from a distance. **These are not lofty ideas for theologians alone—they are anchors for everyday life.**

If God is for us, then we walk into every moment with His divine backing.

If He did not spare His own Son, then we can trust Him to provide what we truly need.

If no accusation can stand, then we are free from shame.

If Christ intercedes for us, then we are never alone in our struggles.

And if nothing can separate us from His love—not hardship, not failure, not even death—then we are more than conquerors, not by our strength, but through Him who loves us.

So let's live like people who are loved.

Let's pray with boldness, serve with joy, and face trials with peace.

Let's stop measuring our worth by the world's standards and start resting in the truth that we are held, justified, and victorious in Christ.

This week, when fear whispers, “You’re not enough,” let Romans 8 shout back, “God is for me.”

When guilt tries to creep in, let the cross remind you: **“Christ died and rose again for me.”**

And when loneliness or loss threatens to undo you, let the Spirit affirm: **“Nothing can separate me from the love of God.”**

Let's go forward not just knowing these truths—but living them.