

The Steadfast Love Of The Lord -- Our Anthem of Praise
Romans 8:31-39

Context of Romans 6-8

1. We have been made new (the new man) -- yet we remain imperfect (the flesh). Rom 6.
2. We want to do God's law, yet fail to keep it as we ought. We cry out for deliverance. Rom 7.
3. We still sin but we are exempt from condemnation. **Justification**. Rom 8:1-4.
4. We still sin but we have new life & can pursue obedience. **Sanctification**. Rom 8:5-14.
5. We still strive but not as slaves, we serve as sons. **Adoption**. Rom 8:14-17.
6. We experience suffering but anticipate future glory. **Glorification**. Rom 8:18-25.
7. We experience suffering but also receive the Spirit's help. **Intercession**. 8:26-27.
8. We experience suffering but are encouraged by God's purpose. **Sovereign Grace**. 8:28ff
Here are **Five Unshakable affirmations** of that sovereign grace: He foreknew you, predestined you, called you, justified you, and (will) glorified you.

Conclusion: **Five Unanswerable Questions**. Rom 8:31-39. Nothing can separate us from God

God's sovereign will to save us cannot be thwarted (28-30). *What shall we say to these things?*

1. *If God is for us, who can be against us?*
 - ♦ Many things are against us! We do have many enemies...
Yes, but what or who can stand against God? There is no match for Him.
Nothing can defeat God & He is *for* us!
 - ♦ **Promise**: God is for us -- He is our Champion.
 - ♦ **Basis**: The Almighty Power of God
2. *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?*
 - ♦ Maybe God might change His mind toward us, grow tired of us, stop caring for us...
No, He has already given us His Son, no other spiritual blessing will be held back. I Cor 10:13; Jn 15:15; Ps 32:8; 116:15; Phil 4:19.
 - ♦ **Promise**: God has already sacrificed His best for us -- He is our Benefactor.
 - ♦ **Basis**: The Unlimited Grace of God.
3. *Who will bring a charge against God's elect, God is the one who justifies?*
 - ♦ The world accuses us, Satan accuses us, our consciences accuse us...
Yes, but He's the highest court. Sin's against *Him* (Ps 51:4,7). He justified us. Zech 3:2.
 - ♦ **Promise**: God has justified us -- He is our Judge.
 - ♦ **Basis**: The Unchallenged Justice of God.
4. *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.*
 - ♦ Is it ever possible for one of God's children to ever stand before Him condemned?..
No. Christ died (paid the price of our sin).
No. He rose (proof that he was the sinless God-man & that His payment was complete)
No. He's seated at God's right hand (His work's *finished*, He's at *rest*. Gen 2:2; Heb 4-10)
No. He intercedes for us (He prays for our preservation. Jn 17.)
 - ♦ **Promise**: He died, rose, sat down, and intercedes for us.
 - ♦ **Basis**: The completed saving work of Christ.
5. *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*
 - ♦ Can tribulation (pressure), hardship (narrow space), persecution, famine, nakedness, or danger separate us from God's love? (II Cor 11:23-29). Can any experience in death or life, any spiritual being, any time period, any demonic, governmental, fraternal, familial, personal power, any locality, any created thing separate us from God's love?
 - ♦ No. Through His love we are super-victorious sheep (just like Christ our Savior)
 - ♦ **Promise**: Nothing, no thing, no one, no circumstance can separate us from God's love.
 - ♦ **Basis**: The irrevocable love of God & Christ.