

**My Jesus #7 –**  
**Romans 8:28-29**

***We have two more Sundays, Lord willing, exploring and experiencing the realities of Romans 8 - “My Jesus!”***

***As God answered Paul’s cry in Romans 7- “O wretched man that I am... Who shall deliver me?”, He answers ours.***

Jesus is always the answer, but sometimes we fail to connect the dots and allow His presence and provision to guide us.

**God, step by step, leads us to discover what it means live in the reality of Jesus in every situation of life.**

Last week, **God pulled back the curtain and allowed us a glimpse of His truth working beyond what we can see and feel.**

In **“all things”** God is actively working for our good. Working through it all to make us more the person we were meant to be. More like Jesus.

In our text, it **is as if God knew the “push back” of our human hearts to that truth. Imagine that!**

**Though we want to believe it, we struggle with its immensity. Its entirety. “All things... worked for my good?”**

**Today, God addresses the voices within and without that make us doubt.**

After the **“All Things work together for good...”** revelation, the verses continue with...

**I. The Explanation.** Vs. 29-30 - **A profound lesson in the classroom of grace.**

It is **deep**, and **far more complex than we have time to cover** today. So, up front, let me just share that we will examine the “cliff note” version

As our hearts and minds push back- “How? Why?”, **God approaches us as children and teaches us a lesson, provides us an explanation.**

**A. Two important observations**

## 1. This explanation addresses God's work in the lives of those who trust Jesus as their Savior. Believers.

**It doesn't address or answer God's workings with unbelievers.** That may sound simplistic, but it couldn't be more important. He doesn't address or answer –

- How He calls those who do not trust Jesus
- How those who reject that call and conviction are destined, because of their choice, to life, and eternity, without Jesus and the horrors that entails.

**Our text specifically is given to God's children about what God is doing through Jesus in their lives.**

## 2. These verses, particularly, describe **what happened the moment we trusted Jesus.**

In that glorious moment, when the Holy Spirit of God regenerated us and we came children of God possessing eternal life, so many things happened we'll spend eternity exploring them!

But, **in this passage, God addresses our skepticism with a simple answer:**

**This is what has already happened. How can we doubt anything that He promises from here!**

**What He is doing with the "all things" of our lives daily is nothing compared to What He's already done.**

**These are past tense. Done.**

**They are not,** as many of God's works, **progressive processes.**

## B. Truths of what happened when we trusted Jesus! A Divine Domino Effect!

The simple, glorious explanation: **'WHOM HE....'**

- **Foreknew:** He knew before we were what we would choose to do with Jesus!
- **Predestined:** His plan and purpose for every believer, chosen in Jesus – to be conformed to the image of Jesus

- **Called:** We were called. (He already knew our response, but DID NOT fix it. He didn't change the calling and actual choice we would make when we trusted Jesus)
- **Justified:** (Cf. Romans 4). "Just-as-if-I'd-died". Declared just. Past tense. Permanent. Not a process with the result to be determined. Done! Forever!
- **Glorified: Past tense!**

What? One day we will be glorified and be like Jesus, but that hasn't happened yet. Yes, and no.

There will be the ultimate fulfillment one day.

**But the moment we trusted Jesus, we were made righteous in Him.**

- Paul told the Colossian believers that we were made "**holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in His sight**" (Col. 1:22)
- He revealed "**Christ in you, the hope of glory**" (1:27). Not one day going to heaven, but heaven coming to us in Him!

**We trust God for heaven someday, but panic over Tuesday afternoon.**

Paul reverses our perspective.

**"You're worried about whether God can handle this circumstance? Whether God can work the impossible for your good? Let's talk about what He's already done."**

**This is not what we hope to happen; this is what has already and forever happened for us in Jesus!**

Next, God leads us from the classroom to the courtroom. "**What shall we say to these things?**"

## **II. The Examination. Q&A**

**A. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" vs. 31-32**

1. "**God for us**" – The meaning and the magnitude.
2. "**If**" – Can it really be?
3. **If it is** – "**who can be against us?**"

*Our guilt? Our conscience? Ourselves? Others?  
The world?!  
Satan? Demons? The powers of darkness?*

4. Proof: God calls as His eternal witness, proof: Vs. 32 – The Cross!  
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?***

“If the suffering Jesus endured did not make him give up on us, nothing will.”

“If Jesus didn’t abandon you in His darkness, the ultimate darkness, why would He abandon you now, in yours?” Tim Keller

**God is for you - Forever!!**

**B. “Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect?” vs. 33**

**1. The accusations and charges.**

Revelation 12:10 – **Satan** – “*the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*”

**The prosecution rises.**

**Satan points.**

- **Conscience testifies.**
- **Memory produces exhibits.**
- **Regret takes the witness stand.**

**2. “It is God that justifieth.” –**

The ultimate judge. The final judgement!  
If He is satisfied, what else matters?

**God Himself speaks.**

- **'Justified.'**
- **Court adjourned."**

**Paul's argument.**

- Not that there is no evidence.
- Not that there are no accusations.

But that the Judge has already rendered His verdict.

### C. "Who is he that condemneth?" vs. 34

Driving the point home, God continues to address our doubts and our demons.

Paul referenced some of those common "who"s in – 1 Cor. 4:4-5

"it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self... he that judgeth me is the Lord."

Then, a new glimpse: Jesus – "*ever interceding!*" – The blood, the cross – covers all!

Vs. 34 - *at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

- The Holy Spirit whispering to our hearts
- Jesus eternally referencing the gospel before the throne!

### III. Exhortation.

*What difference should it make?*

*What difference will it make?*

- Maybe it will be *simple reassurance* to truths you have learned and trust.
- Maybe, it will be the *answers to the clamor inside your mind and heart which has kept you from resting in Him.*
- Maybe, just maybe, *it will be the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit of God to come to and trust this Savior, for the first time, for all time.*

Great truth does us little good unless we embrace it and live it.

From inside the wonders of inspiration to shoe leather living, My Jesus is the answer to everything.