

# The Best Chapter in the Bible #11

Romans 8:33-34 Derek Thomas

**Review** – “*The first question is in verse 31: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” Paul was probably thinking of Psalm 56 — “This I know: God is for me; and if God is for me, who can be against me?” And the second question as we pondered it last week in verse 32: “He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also, with Him, graciously give us all things?” Our Father did not spare His own Son, and if He gave us what was most dear and what was most precious to Him, what is there then that He will not give us?”* – Derek Thomas

## Outline:

1. Who is the one who accuses?
  - Our conscience
  - Our false view of God
  - Satan, the accuser
2. The answer is in the gospel
  - Christ died
  - Christ rose
  - Christ sits
  - Christ intercedes

## Questions:

1. The believer may sense the accusation, “*You have been unfaithful in service to God. How can you possibly be acceptable to God?*” Have you ever felt like that? How do you handle it?
2. “*Christ did not love you for your good works. They were not the cause of His beginning to love you. So, He does not love you for your good works even now. They are not the cause of His continuing to love you. He loves you because He loves you.*” – Charles Spurgeon  
This is just a good quote and besides, it’s Charles Spurgeon! Any thoughts?
3. “*There are two great pastoral problems. One is to convince the unconverted that they are sinners. The other is to convince Christians that they are in union and communion with Jesus Christ and that their sin is forgiven.*” – J. Owen Why do you think that each one is so difficult?
4. What are the things that a believer can do to earn the approval of God? – Witnessing? Prayer? Missions? Giving? Being faithful? Most Christians operate on a God-approval scale. Why?
5. “*Payment God cannot twice demand — once at my bleeding surety's hand and then again at mine.*” Tear this apart to get at the meaning of this line in the hymn.  
**Extra Credit** – For whom did Christ die? If he died so that all sinners might have the opportunity to choose salvation, what problems arise in the quote above?
6. “*It is God who declares you, sinner, to be as righteous and as holy as Jesus is. Hear that, Christian, and believe that, Christian.*” How has the content of that statement changed your life or how would you like it to continue to change your life?

**Romans 8:33-34** *Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.*