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# GOD IS FOR US

## Justification on Trial

Romans 8:31 *What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against 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?*

33 *Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 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 also interceding for us.*

1. Because “God is for us,” we have been justified. (17 times in Romans)
2. Because “God is for us,” no one can condemn us.

### The interested parties in the court room

1. the prosecutor, the accuser

This is Satan.

Revelation 12:9 *The great dragon was hurled down — that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ.*

*For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.*

Job 1:6 *One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. 7 The LORD said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the LORD, “From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.” 8 Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.” 9 “Does Job fear God for nothing?” Satan replied. 10 “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.*

2. the defendant, the accused

This is those who have been justified by faith in Christ.

3. the attorney for the defense, advocate

This is Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:34 *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 also interceding for us.*

1 John 2:1 *My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; NASB*

Hebrews 9:24 *For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.*

*Christ Jesus, is at the right hand of God*

*Christ Jesus is interceding for us*

#### 4. the judge

This is God.

Romans 2:5 ... *when his righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 God "will give to each person according to what he has done."*

Romans 2:16 *This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.*

Hebrews 12:23 *You have come to God, the judge of all men...*

#### A Final Word

1 John 3:20 *whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.*

#### Paul raised two legal questions:

##### 1. Who will bring any charge against us?

Romans 8:33 *Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.*

No one can bring an accusation that will stand.

##### 2. Who is He that condemns?

No one can condemn us because no one can charge us.

*Christ Jesus, died*

*Christ Jesus was raised to life —*