

Bible Hour

An Exposition of: Romans 8:31-34

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Romans 8:31-32 (NASB)

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? **32** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him give us all things?

Romans 8:33-34 (NASB)

33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; **34** 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.

Lesson Outline: Romans 8:31-34

- I. Our *Unopposable* Advocate (v. 31)
- II. Our *Inexhaustible* Provider (v. 32)
- III. Our *Dependable* Defender (v. 33)
- IV. Our *Imperishable* Intercessor (v. 34)

5 Rhetorical Questions:

1. What shall we say to these things? (v. 31a)
2. If God is for us, who is against us? (v. 31b)
3. How will God not also with Christ give us all things? (v. 32)
4. Who will bring a charge against God's elect? (v. 33)
5. Who is the one who condemns? (v. 34a)

I. Our *Unopposable*
Advocator
(v. 31)

Aseity

From the Latin *a se*, meaning *from oneself*, refers to God's attribute of existing of and from Himself, having no cause, no origin, and no dependence on anything else.

Charles Bridges (1794-1869)

To have God's *countenance* not only turned *from* us, but turned *against* us, His eternal *frown* instead of His *smile*—this will be *hell* instead of *heaven*.

II. Our *Inexhaustible* Provider (v. 32)

III. Our *Dependable* Defender (v. 33)

John Trapp (1601-1669)

If the judge acquits a prisoner, the prisoner cares not though the jailer and his fellow prisoners still condemn him.

III. Our *Imperishable* Intercessor (v. 34)

Joel R. Beeke

God is pacified by the accomplished work of Christ so that *no believer*, whatever his sins, can be found guilty before the throne of God.

Stephen Charnock (1628-1680)

Christ is an advocate with the Father in heaven, continually handling the concerns of believers, and effectually prevailing for their full remission and salvation upon the account of the propitiation (*atonement*) made by his death.

5 Rhetorical Questions

Answered:

1. What shall we say to these things? *Nothing.*
2. If God is for us, who is against us? *No one.*
3. How will God not also with Christ give us all things? *He will.*
4. Who will bring a charge against God's elect? *No one.*
5. Who is the one who condemns? *No one.*

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Discussion Questions

1. How does Paul's *courtroom imagery* shape our understanding of assurance?
2. What does Christ's *fourfold work* in verse 34 (died, was raised, is at God's right hand, intercedes) reveal about the completeness of our salvation?
3. How does Paul expect believers to respond emotionally and practically to the truth that no one can *successfully condemn* them? What fears or insecurities *lose their power* when this truth is embraced?