

Living Out the Gospel Part 9

Romans 8:31-39

Living in His Love

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

- So, there is no arguing...There is no contesting the simple Biblical fact that if God, Creator of the Universe is for us, who will be able to come against us?
 - We too often allow our problem to become bigger than God Almighty, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit
 - My Past is too great
 - My Sin is too much
 - My Trial is more
 - My Temptation is too much
 - My Doubt is too great
 - My Hope is too lost
 - My Fears are too real
 - Satan, Society, and Self all work together to bring us to the point of believing lies
 - God's Word is **alive and powerful**
 - **Hebrews 4:12** "For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
 - God's Word gives us the **weaponry to fight**
 - **2Corinthians 10:3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Rom 8:32 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?

- Why do we continue to try to argue with One who is for us?
 - There is no argument
 - God is For Me
 - He proved it with Jesus Christ
 - He daily proves it with His Holy Spirit & His Word
 - He has given me life eternal
 - He wants me to enjoy life more abundantly

Rom 8:33 Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?
It is God that justifieth.

- Who are the “elect”
 - These are those who have “elected” to accept the propitiation for their sin, Jesus Christ for their justification and reconciliation unto God the Father
- So, who is greater than God?
 - Who can bring something against Christ?

- Who can dispute God's compassion to mankind through His Son?

Rom 8:34 Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

- Who will condemn Christ?
- Who died for the sins of mankind?
- Who lives to go to God for mankind?
 - If the answer to these last two question is any other than Christ you do not believe God is for you

Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

- Here is the base of all things in moving forward to the abundant Christian Life
 - Do you believe that God loves you no matter what?
 - Do hard times change how God feels about you?
 - Do your tendencies to allow fear and doubt rule your mind change how God feels about you?
 - Does the way you are treated poorly by others, or the way you treat others poorly change the way God feels about you?
 - Does poverty change the way God feels about you?
 - Does your broken, sinful, naked state change the way God feels about you?

- Do life and death situations change how God feels about you?
- Does the Bible or a “bible” change the way that God feels about you?

Rom 8:36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

- In Psalm 44:22 the passage is crying to the God who won their victories.
 - They were in subjugation do to failing to follow according to God's Word
 - They wanted to be delivered
 - They praised God for doing all the work for their deliverance
 - And offered themselves daily as a living sacrifice for Him
- So, how do you count your sheep?
 - You're the sheep
 - Are you counting how many times you get away with something?
 - Are you counting how often you have to climb back on the altar as a living sacrifice?
 - Counting sheep or how often we're wrong as you fail to follow according to God's Word, will always take us to a place of subjugation or bondage in sin
- Or do you consider yourself dead, crucified daily as a living sacrifice?

Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

- As much as I hate losing, I far too often accept defeat in my life.
 - I allow sin to defeat me.
 - I allow guilt over sin to defeat me.
 - I allow the hard time I'm going through to defeat me.
 - I have never been a gracious winner, but I have become too much of a "gracious loser".
 - It makes no sense seeing that I have been granted victory in all of life's circumstances.
 - This should cause me to gloat greatly at every win I am given...
 - yet I would rather wallow in my defeat,
 - claiming instead the agony of defeat...
 - well not today Satan...I choose victory!

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Being persuaded doesn't mean you don't doubt.
 - It simply means that you go daily to the One persuading.
 - Faith only comes from hearing God's Word,
 - and faith only shows my persuasion when I live it.
- So, be persuaded that NOTHING can change how God feels about you!
 - Death cannot
 - Life cannot

- Angels cannot
- Governments cannot
- Spiritual beings cannot
- Nothing or no one today
- Nothing or no one tomorrow
- Nothing or no one in heaven
- Nothing or no one in hell
- Nothing or no one on earth
- God loves you and there is absolutely nothing you can do to change that FACT