

## If God Is for Us, Who Can Be Against Us?

### Scripture

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit [is], because He makes intercession for the saints according to [the will of] God. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to [His] purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined [to be] conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God [is] for us, who [can be] against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? [It is] God who justifies. Who [is] he who condemns? [It is] Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? [Shall] tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:26-39 NKJV)

### Commentary

I often emphasize the need for personal holiness as a requirement for the assurance of salvation. Not that you must be perfect or anyway near perfect to be saved. However, to have your heart assured or validated by your life is important. Just to make sure you understand what I am saying, let me say it again. We are saved by faith and not by works. However, if you want to experience the joy of your salvation you must walk in holiness. “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and [that] your joy may be full.” (John 15:10-11 NKJV)

Today I would like to celebrate the blessedness of our salvation. If God is for us, who can be against us? No one! We are secure in Him! Amen? This is extremely important because if you are like me, and I am sure most Christians, this understanding keeps us from losing hope.

If my salvation was tied to perfect obedience I would have no hope. As said, I often emphasize the importance of obedience because of the dark hour in which we live. Liberty has given way to license and the Gospel is often reduced to a magical incantation without any commitment/repentance. However, because my salvation is tied to faith, I can rejoice in the midst of my struggles with sin.

The more light, the more sin is revealed, the more sin is revealed, the more grace is appreciated. Praise God who has set me free from this body of sin and death!

Really God’s grace is not completely understandable to me. I do not deserve the favor He has shown me. To think that He died for the likes of me is beyond imagination. I am so very thankful for His love, and I hope you are also.

Take a few moments today, meditate on His precious gift to you, and thank Him.

