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# "GOOD NEWS!"

## Romans 8:31-34

Good morning. You've come to church on the greatest Sunday of the year and I'm glad you're here. All over the world pastors will stand today and say, "Christ is risen." Believers will respond, "He is risen indeed."

Many people want to know if there is a God, and if He is for us or against us? Those who believe that He is against them hem themselves in with these kinds of thoughts:

- **He is waiting for me to mess up.**
- **He is the cause for the bad stuff in my life.**
- **He demands that I earn His favor/approval.**
- **He loves good people and hates bad people.**

Romans 8 is arguably the greatest chapter in the Bible. It begins with *no condemnation* and ends with *no separation*. The words that make up this chapter are divinely inspired. Through the pen of

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the Apostle Paul, the Lord makes a solid, ironclad case for the fact that . . .

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Now that is good news! Verses 31-34 state eternal security in judicial terms. Verses 35-39 state eternal security in relational terms. Our salvation is not just a legal matter. It is a matter of loyal love.

**Romans 8:31... What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?**

**What then shall we say to these things?** Paul has been writing about God who, in order to bring salvation to sinners, works all things for their good, foreknows them, predestines them, calls them, justifies them, and glorifies them. God is the author of salvation from start to finish!

**If God is for us, who can be against us?** The meaning is "Because God is for us." The obvious implication is that if anyone is against us, they would have to be greater than God Himself to

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threaten our eternal security in Christ. No one can take away the salvation of a true believer!

**Psalm 27:1...** The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?

**Psalm 56:11...** In God I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

**Romans 8:32...** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Verse 31 gives us the promise that no man can take away the believer's salvation. Verse 32 says God will not take away our salvation. Think about it. God the Father was willing to sacrifice His only Son to save sinners like us. Having done that, is there any genuine need we have that He wouldn't meet?

- **Temptation (1 Cor. 10:13)**
- **Comfort (2 Cor. 1:3-4)**
- **Strength (Phil. 4:13)**

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## ■ **Forgiveness (1 John 1:9)**

**Philippians 4:19**... And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Would God do less for believers after they are saved than He did for them prior to salvation? He has the power to meet your needs!

**Romans 8:33**... **Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies.**

This wonderful verse insists that even Satan—*"The Accuser of the brethren"*—cannot take away the salvation of the true believer!

God is the one who decides who is righteous before Him. The believer who has repented of his/her sins and trusted in Jesus for salvation has been declared eternally guiltless and righteous. He/she is no longer under the condemnation of God as Paul made abundantly clear in the first verse of this chapter.

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This Easter I'm thrilled to share this glorious truth with you . . .

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**Romans 8:34... 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.**

This is the verse I've been dying to get to. Here's the heart of the gospel. **Paul reminds us of what Jesus Christ has done and is doing for us now so that there is no more condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

Here's how I know with absolute certainty that God is for us . . .

### **1. JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS.**

Jesus was not crucified for being a political nuisance to the Romans or a religious nonconformist to the Jews. The bloody death of

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Jesus died on the cross as a substitutionary atonement for our sins.

**Isaiah 53:4–6**... Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. **5** But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. **6** All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

**2 Corinthians 5:21**... He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

We must glory in the cross this glorious morning. Our forgiveness and righteousness are based on our Lord's death!

## **2. JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD.**

Here's a second reason we can rest assured that our salvation is secure. Jesus, the Son of God, died

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for our sins on the cross and He was raised from the dead on the third day.

**Romans 4:25**... *He* who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

**Romans 10:9–10**... that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; **10** for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

Our Lord's resurrection provided absolute proof that . . .

- **the price for our sins was paid in full**
- **the wrath God was fully satisfied**
- **God accepted the sacrifice of His Son**

Some of you may be thinking that God is against you. Perish the thought. The Son of God died to pay the penalty for your sins. He was raised

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from the dead. If I could, I would stand on the roof of this church and proclaim loudly and clearly . . .

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### 3. JESUS IS SEATED AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND.

This is the preeminent position in all of creation.

**Psalm 110:1**... The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

The crucified Savior was not only raised from death to life. He also ascended from earth to heaven to occupy the throne prepared for Him at God's right hand. This is the place of divine favor, honor, and authority.

**Ephesians 1:20–21**... which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, **21** far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

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We've seen our Lord's position of preeminence. Now I want you to consider His posture. The Scripture insists that He is "*seated at God's right hand.*" This signifies that His redeeming work is complete. From the cross, He cried out, "IT IS FINISHED." Our sins have been paid for in full!

**Hebrews 1:3**... And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

**Hebrews 10:11–12**... Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; **12** but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.

Right this minute Jesus is . . .

- resting from his finished work
- occupying the place of supreme honor,
- exercising his authority to save

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- waiting for his final triumph.

Glory to God!

#### **4. JESUS IS INTERCEDING FOR US.**

Jesus Christ's ministry of interceding for those of us who have been saved will continue until every person redeemed by His blood is safely at home with Him in heaven.

The believer is eternally secure because the crucified Savior and the risen Lord is at the right hand of God the Father interceding for us, not condemning us. He is our heavenly advocate and high priest.

**Luke 22:31–32...** "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat; **32** but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

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**Hebrews 7:25...** Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Sometimes our own 'heart' condemns us. And so do our critics, our detractors, our enemies, and all the demons of hell. But their condemnation will all fail. Why? Because of Christ Jesus. He rescues us from all condemnation!

**Romans 8:34... 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.**

These four actions of Jesus secure our salvation for all of eternity. He never offered a conditional, temporary spiritual life, He promised all who will believe in Him eternal life!

**John 10:27–30...** "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; **28** and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. **29** "My Father, who has given *them* to

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Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand. **30** "I and the Father are one."

## CONCLUSION

I've got to say it again . . .

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Hey, if you are a believer, you are eternally secure in the Lord Jesus Christ . . .

- 1. He Died For Your Sins**
- 2. He Was Raised From The Dead.**
- 3. He Is Seated At God's Right Hand.**
- 4. He Intercedes For You.**

This amazing blessing can be accessed by anyone who will repent of their sins and place their faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord. I pray that many of you will do that today. Let's pray!

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