

God Is For Us!
Romans 8:31-39

God's Word in clear: God is for us!

Make it personal and write your name in this line: God is for _____!

I. God will never allow anything to destroy us (vv.31-32)

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? 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 with him graciously give us all things? (Rom.8:31-32)

- A. First question: *What then shall we say to these things? (v.31a)*
These things refer to what was said in the previous verses.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (v.28)

- B. Second question: *If God is for us who can be against us? (v.31b)*

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (v.32)

II. God will never allow anything to condemn us (vv.33-34)

³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (Rom.8:33-34)

- A. First question: *Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? (v.33a) or Who can accuse God's chosen people?*

If we are united to Jesus Christ by faith, it doesn't matter who accuses us: God has justified us – It is God who justifies. (v.33b)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

- B. Second question: *Who is to condemn? (v.34a)*

Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (v.34b)

III. God will never allow anything to separate us from His love and the love of Christ (vv.35, 37-39)

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom.8:35, 37-39)

On Sunday, August 16, 1987, Northwest Airlines Flight 225 crashed just after taking off from the Detroit airport. One hundred fifty-five people were killed. One survived: a four-year-old from Tempe, Arizona, named Cecelia.

News accounts say that when rescuers found Cecelia they did not believe she had been on the plane. The crash was so devastating it did not seem possible that anyone could have survived. Investigators first assumed Cecelia had been a passenger in one of the cars on the highway where the airliner crashed. But when the flight's passenger register was checked, there was Cecelia's name.

As the crash investigators meticulously pieced together the details of the crash along with Cecelia's account, the mystery of her survival disappeared in the story of her mother's heroic care.

The experts explained that the reason Cecelia survived is that, as the plane was falling out of the air, Cecelia's mother, Paula, unbuckled her own seat belt, got down on her knees in front of her daughter, wrapped her arms and body around Cecelia, and would not let her go.

Nothing could separate that child from her mother's love—not tragedy or disaster, not the fall from the sky or the flames that followed, not life or death.

- Bryan Chappell, *In the Grip of Grace*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12)

“Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so!”