

**“He Gave . . . He Gives”**  
Romans 8:18-39

Prologue: The Appeal of Romans 1-8: “\_\_\_\_\_ who you \_\_\_\_\_.”

Since Christ, by his atoning sacrifice on the Christ, has made your righteous in God’s sight, and since, by your union with Christ in his death and resurrection, sin’s power has been broken, serve God by righteous living through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. (See 6:12-14, 20-23; 8:13)

I. Our situation: “We were saved in hope” (24)

A. What *has* changed (through the ministry of the Spirit)--“Already”

1. He leads us into *holiness* (13-14)
2. He replaces fear with *security* in our relationship with God (15)
3. He prompts a response of *intimacy* with our Father (15)
4. He confirms our *status* as sons of God (16)
5. He guarantees our future *inheritance* with Christ (17)

B. What *has NOT* changed (our confinement to a fallen world) – “Not Yet”

1. We \_\_\_\_\_
2. We \_\_\_\_\_
  - our \_\_\_\_\_ is not yet renewed
  - our “\_\_\_\_\_” is not yet destroyed
  - our \_\_\_\_\_ is not yet transformed

II. Our Prospect: What *will* change

- A. Our *adoption* will be \_\_\_\_\_ (23)
- B. Our bodies will be \_\_\_\_\_ (23)
- C. We will be \_\_\_\_\_ as the sons of God (19)
- D. We will receive our full \_\_\_\_\_ (17)
- E. We will be \_\_\_\_\_ (30) with God’s incomparable *glory* (18)

III. Our Assignment:

- A. We serve \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5-8; 8:13-14)
- A. We wait \_\_\_\_\_ (25)
- B. We wait \_\_\_\_\_ (23)

IV. Our Resources--the works of God on our behalf (26-30)

A. The Intercession of the Holy Spirit (26-27)

1. Our deficiencies:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Spirit’s provision: Prayer on our behalf
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_: “with wordless groans”
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_: “in accordance with God’s will”

## B. The Sovereign, Purposeful Work of God (28-30)

1. Subject: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Objects: those who \_\_\_\_\_ him, who are called according to his \_\_\_\_\_
3. Scope: in \_\_\_\_\_ things
4. Intent: for our \_\_\_\_\_
5. Activity (from eternity past to eternity future)
  - Foreknowledge: God's choice of his people (election).
  - Predestination: The predetermination that those chosen will become like Christ.
  - Calling: The divine summons that awakens the spiritually dead.
  - Justification: The declaration that sinners are now righteous in God's sight.
  - Glorification: The perfection of the physical bodies and spiritual nature of the saints.

## V. Our Triumph – More than Conquerors

### A. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (31).

1. Threat: Enemies that oppose us.
2. Premise: God *is* for us.
3. Promise: No opposition can ultimately crush us.

### B. "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?" (32)

1. Threat: Lack of sufficient resources
2. Premise: When we were his enemies, God already gave the Best He had.
3. Promise: With Christ, all we need will be graciously provided (2 Peter 1:3)

### C. "Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?" (33) (Future)

1. Threat: Condemnation for some unaddressed sin in the Final Judgment
2. Premise: The matter of our guilt has been fully, finally addressed.
3. Promise: No future condemnation to fear.

### D. "Who is to condemn?" (34) (Present)

1. Threat: Some accuser might cause God to turn against me.
2. Premise: Our Defense Attorney is the One who paid our debt.
3. Promise: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (8:1)

### E. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (35)

1. Threat: The adversities of life happen because God has withdrawn his love.
2. Premise: The love by which God has brought us to him is sufficient to keep us with him.
3. Promise: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Conclusion: We are \_\_\_\_\_ through him who loved us.

## VI. Concluding Thoughts

- A. He \_\_\_\_\_ – the requirement for the conquest of death and the greatest demonstration of God's love was the death of Christ.
- B. He \_\_\_\_\_ – everything we need "for life and godliness" is continually provided by God.
- C. We \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ what you have been told and \_\_\_\_\_ in what has been provided.
  - Press forward in faithful pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_ living
  - Be eager and patient in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ the resources of God to overwhelmingly conquer
  - The basis for our confidence is not just the grace of God – it is the \_\_\_\_\_.

## THE OVERWHELMING SUFFICIENCY OF OUR SAVING GOD

Romans 8:31-39

QUESTION POSED	PROBLEM Addressed	PROVISION Supplied	PICTURE of God	POINT Made	PASSAGE Summarized
"If God is for us, who can be against us?" (31)	Fear of DEFEAT	God's Covenant Commitment	Sovereign Protector	No <i>opposition</i> can finally crush us	-
"If God gave His Son for <i>sinners</i> , will He not give His sons all we need?" (32)	Fear of DEPRIVATION	God's Costly Gift	Divine Provider	No <i>good thing</i> will finally be withheld from us.	-
"Who will bring any charge against God's elect?" (33)	Fear of CONDEMNATION in Judgment	The Completeness of God's Salvation	Acquitting Judge	No <i>offenses</i> will emerge uncovered by the Atonement	1:16-4:25 Justification
"Who is he that condemns? (34)	Fear of REJECTION in the present	The Completeness of Christ's Work	Sovereign Champion	No <i>accusation</i> will ever disinherit us.	5:1-8:17 Sanctification
"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? (35-39)	Fear of ABANDONMENT in face of hostility	God's Conquering Love	Sovereign Keeper	No <i>separation</i> from Christ's love can ever befall us.	8:18-30 Glorification