

**Series:** Rest Secure

**Message:** Who Shall Bring A Charge Against God's Elect?

**Scripture:** Romans 8:31-39

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### **Romans 8:31-39**

<sup>31</sup> *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?*

<sup>32</sup> *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?*

<sup>33</sup> *Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;*

<sup>34</sup> *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.*

<sup>35</sup> *Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

<sup>36</sup> *Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."*

<sup>37</sup> *But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.*

<sup>38</sup> *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,*

<sup>39</sup> *nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### The Faith Advantage – Chapter 8

- 1) We Can Experience Acceptance vs. 1-17
- 2) We Can Rejoice In Suffering vs. 18-27
- 3) We Can Trust God's Sovereignty vs. 28-30
- 4) We Can Rest In Our Security vs 31-39

### Previous Weeks:

1. God's acceptance nullifies all opposition. vs 31

### Romans 8:31

<sup>31</sup> *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?*

2. God's acceptance assures provisional abundance. vs. 32

**Romans 8:32**

*<sup>32</sup> 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?*

This Week:

3. God's acceptance silences every accusation. vs. 33

**Romans 8:33**

*<sup>33</sup> Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;*

1) "God's elect"

2) "It is God who justifies"

(1) Man's relationship with God is a legal one.

(2) God Himself has made or constructed the Law which governs His relation with man.

(3) God is not only the Law Maker and its administrator, He's the Judge.

(4) Any charge brought against man must be brought in terms of the Law and nothing else.

**Romans 3:24, 26b**

*...being justified as a gift, by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus... that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

*<sup>21</sup> He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

**Romans 10:4**

*<sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

### 3 uses of the Law

1) Pedagogical Use

2) Civil Use

3) Moral Use

### 1 Corinthians 9:21

*<sup>21</sup> to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law.*

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*Never will there be a case before heaven's throne where God will ever consider questioning a believer's eternal state or acceptance.*

*No prosecutor can ever be of any avail if Jesus Christ, who is our advocate, is pleading our case and God the Judge has already pronounced us innocent.*

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*God will never open a hearing in any case involving us in a cause which could bring us into eternal jeopardy.*

#### Next Weeks:

4. God's acceptance overrules any condemnation. vs. 34

5. God's acceptance guarantees divine love. vs. 35-39