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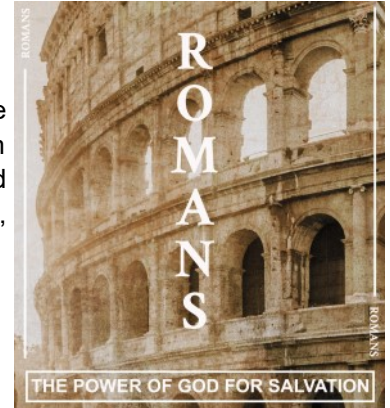
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What Shall We Say?

Romans 8:31-34



<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> 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? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> 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.



### Introduction

- The Power of Rhetorical Questions
- The Question that Frames the Questions

*"What then shall we say to these things?" - Vs. 31*

**Q #1: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" - Vs.31**

What Shall We Say When We Feel Defeated?

**Q #2: "...how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" – Vs.32**

What Shall We Say When We Feel Deficient?

**Q #3: "Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?...Who is to condemn? – Vs.33&34**

What Shall We Say When We Feel Disgrace?

## Discussion Questions

### Getting Started

- Read Romans 8:31-34 aloud as a group.
- What stands out to you from this passage? Why?

### Digging Deeper

#### 1. Understanding the Power of Rhetorical Questions

A **rhetorical question** is a question asked not to elicit an actual response, but to make a point, emphasize an idea, or provoke thought. The answer is often obvious or implied, and the question is used to challenge assumptions, highlight truths, or persuade the listener.

- Paul asks seven rhetorical questions in this passage. What are they? Why do you think he does this?
- What are some other famous rhetorical questions asked in the Bible?
- Can you think of rhetorical questions you've been asked in life that exposed something you weren't seeing clearly?

#### 2. "What Then Shall We Say to These Things?"

- This first question in verse 31 frames the others. What are "these things" referring to?
- What is this question going after in us?

#### 3. What Shall We Say When We Feel Defeated? (Romans 8:31)

- Read the 2<sup>nd</sup> question in verse 31. What makes it rhetorical?
- When you face hardships, do you ever feel like God is against you? Why?
- How does knowing that Christ suffered for us change our perspective on our difficulties?

#### 4. What Shall We Say When We Feel Deficient? (Romans 8:32)

- Read the question in verse 32. What makes it rhetorical?
- What is something in your life that feels like God is withholding?
- John Newton once said, "Nothing can be a need if He withholds it." How does that challenge your thinking?

#### 5. What Shall We Say When We Feel Disgrace? (Romans 8:33-34)

- Read the questions of verses 33&34. What makes them rhetorical?
- What are some accusations you face—either from others, Satan, or yourself?
- How does knowing that God has justified you change the way you respond to guilt and shame?

#### Closing Prayer

- Thank God for His faithfulness and love.
- Pray for trust in His promises and freedom from guilt, fear, and doubt.
- Ask God to help you apply these truths in your daily life.

#### Resources

**Romans: Righteousness from Heaven** | R. Kent Hughes

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