



WHAT CAN WE SAY?

In this study we are thinking about Romans 8:31 – 39, Paul’s grand conclusion to an amazing chapter. Indeed some would say it’s his conclusion to the whole section from chapter 5 to chapter 8 and some would even say it’s his conclusion to the whole of his letter up to this point.

◆ Why does Paul ask, “What then shall we say to these things?” (verse 31)

◆ Why, do you think, does Paul use a series of questions to make his point in verses 31 to 37?

Taking each of his five questions in turn, what thoughts come to mind in the light of what Paul has written previously?

◆ “If God is for us, who can be against us (verse 31)?”

- ◆ “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things (verse 32)?

- ◆ “Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies (verse 33).”

- ◆ “Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us (verse 34).”

- ◆ “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us (verses 35 – 37).”

- ◆ What, do you think, was Paul’s purpose for including these verses at the end of chapter 8?