



Title: Five Unanswerable Questions

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Scripture Text: Romans 8:31-36

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

In today's passage, we see five questions the Apostle Paul poses to his readers to give them a better perspective of the characteristics of God and to have a better understanding of their relationship with Him. Let's have a look at these five questions...

I. Who can be against Us? (Romans 8:31)

Another way to view what Paul is saying in this verse is *Since God is for us, no one can be against us!* Paul is writing to a group of Christians who are surrounded by pagans in the capital of the most powerful nation in the world. Yet he is pointing out to his readers that even when their circumstances seem overwhelming, they need to remember there is nothing or no one who can successfully stand against God who is for them.

- Based on what you know about the Apostle Paul and the circumstances in his life, how did he demonstrate his belief in what he says in [vs. 31](#)?
- What are examples today in our culture that may compare to the culture Paul's readers experienced?
- How can remembering that God is for you in times of difficulty equip you to face them?

II. How will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:32)

Since God was willing to give up His most treasured possession, His only Son, that we may be saved, He would also give everything necessary to bring that salvation to completion. God had demonstrated this in Paul's life and he wanted his readers to trust He would do the same for them.

- How would you describe the treasure Jesus Christ is to His Heavenly Father?
- What did God demonstrate to us by giving up His only begotten Son?
- With such great love, how does that motivate us to love Him?
- How do we show God we love Him ([John 14:15](#))?
- What are examples of things God graciously gives us?

III. Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? (Romans 8:33)

Paul raises this question in light of his earlier teachings on justification. All have sinned, all fall short of the glory of God, but all (who believe) are justified (made righteous) freely by God's grace through the redemptive work of Christ. So even

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if worldly governments (i.e., Rome) bring charges against Christians, they hold no weight in God's eyes. For any charge or sin that can be brought against a believer, the penalty has already been paid in full by Jesus Christ our Savior.

- Describe the redemptive work of Christ ([2 Cor. 5:21](#))?
- What made Jesus Christ qualified to be our Redeemer/Savior?
- How does His redemption free us?
- How does it affect the way we can now live, even in light of living in a 'post-Christian' culture?

IV. Who is to condemn? ([Romans 8:34](#))

If no charge can be brought against the children of God ([vs. 33](#)), then certainly no condemnation can be brought against them either. Again, Paul is summarizing what he has taught previously: "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" ([Rom. 8:1](#)). Believers have their own divine advocate who continually defends them ([1 John 2:1](#)).

- Describe the progression of what Christ did/does for us in [vs. 34](#).
- What should that mean for our reliance and trust in Him?
- How well are you trusting in Jesus, compared to trusting or seeking approval from the culture?

V. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ([Romans 8:35](#))

In [vs. 36](#) Paul quotes [Psalm 44:22](#) to demonstrate that there will always be opposition to God's people and the work of God in the world. There will be many natural and supernatural attempts made to convince the believer that they have been separated from the love of God. But his point is that NOTHING can separate us from the love of God ([vss. 38-39](#)). But even with that truth in mind, it can appear at times that we have been separated from the love of God.

- What are examples of times we may feel we have been separated from the love of God?
- What are things we can do to help equip us to know, even in tough times, that God's love is always there?

The questions Paul poses in today's text describes the Christians relationship with God and His expression of His love. How is living based on our relationship with God and being motivated by His love different than living based on cultural approval?