

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:31-39 (ESV)

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² 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? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

How do we know that we are totally secure in Christ?

QUESTION 1: If God is for us, who can be against us?

"what is being proclaimed here is God's undertaking to uphold and protect us when people and circumstances are threatening, to provide for us as long as our earthly pilgrimage lasts, and to lead us finally into the full enjoyment of himself, however many obstacles may seem at present to stand in the way of our getting there." – JI Packer, Knowing God

QUESTION 2: 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?

"The meaning of "he will give us all things" can be put thus: one day we shall see that nothing- literally nothing- which could have increased our eternal happiness has been denied us, and that nothing- literally nothing- that could have reduced that happiness has been left with us."
– JI Packer, Knowing God

Romans 8:28 (NIV)- And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

QUESTION 3: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? Who is to condemn?

1 Corinthians 15:17 (ESV)- And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

QUESTION 4: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

"A conqueror defeats his enemy, but one who is more than a conqueror subjugates his enemy. A conqueror nullifies the purpose of his enemy; one who is more than a conqueror makes the enemy serve his own purpose. A conqueror strikes down his foe; one who is more than a conqueror makes his foe his slave." – John Piper, Don't Waste Your Life

2 Corinthians 4:17 (ESV)- For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.