

**If God Is for Us, Who Can Be Against Us?**

Romans 8.31 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 delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

\* **“God is for us”** is the most concise \_\_\_\_\_ of

Romans, indeed of the Christian message: *God is for us,*

and \_\_\_\_\_ is proof.

\* **“God is for us”** is closely related to the OT phrase, “God is \_\_\_\_\_ me.” For God to be for us is for God to be with us;

and for God to be with us is for God to be for us. How do the following passages develop that concept?

*Psalm 23.1 A psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

*John 10.11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.”*

*Psalm 56 A Michtam of David, When the Philistines Captured Him in Gath. 1 Be merciful to me, O God, for man would swallow me up; Fighting all day he oppresses me. 2 My enemies would hound me all day, For there are many who fight against me, O Most High. 3 Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. 4 In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me? 5 All day they twist my words; All their thoughts are against me for evil. 6 They gather together, They hide, they mark my steps, When they lie in wait for my life ... 8 You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book? 9 When I cry out to You, Then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God is for me. 10 In God (I will praise His word), In the LORD (I will praise His word), 11 In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?*

*Psalm 118.6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? 7 The LORD is for me among those who help me; Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.*

*Heb 11.5 [Y]ou have forgotten the exhortation ... addressed to you as sons ... 7 ... God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ... 13.6 So we may boldly say: “The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”*

\* **We** know God is with us and for us and will not abandon us, because he has given us his own \_\_\_\_\_ (32).

*John 3.16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

The word “gave” in Jn 3.16, and the phrase “delivered him up” in Rom 8.32, are connected, for “deliver up” is simply a compound version of the Greek word, “give.” When God the Father “delivered up” his Son for death on the cross, he was “giving” him \_\_\_\_\_ us. And when the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit to reside in us, the Father was giving his Son, and the Son was giving himself, \_\_\_\_\_ us.

*John 14.16 I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, who] ... dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.*

\* **Having** shown us the greatness of his love by giving us his own Son, is God now going to go \_\_\_\_\_ on us? Is he going to quibble over nickels and dimes, when he has already given us the \_\_\_\_\_ Diamond? He has already done the hard part. What remains is easy by comparison. Is he going to balk at the easy part? We know God will give us all things, because he has already given us his own Son.

\* **What** does “all things” mean (32)?

*Rom 8.16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ ... 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God ... 21 because the*

*creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

*1Cor 2.7 But we speak ... the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory ... 9 But as it is written [in Isaiah 64.4 and 65.17, which refer to the new heavens and new earth]: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit ... 12 ... that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God ["freely given" same as Rm 8.32] ... 3.21 Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come — all are yours ... 4.7 For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it? 8 You are already full! You are already rich! You have reigned as kings without us — and indeed I could wish you did reign, that we also might reign with you! ... 18 Now some are puffed up ... 20 [But] the kingdom of God is not in word but in power ...*