

More than Conquerors!

(The Greatest Chapter: ROMANS EIGHT)

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“Facing Your Accuser” Romans 8:33-34

These truths in Romans 8:1-30 are so immeasurably spectacular that we will struggle to really believe them, so Paul ends this chapter with five questions of relentless intense Gospel logic to beat us out of our disbelief.

Five unanswerable questions: (The foundation of faith is thinking)

Are you afraid...you aren't thinking about God's power. V31

Are you worried...you aren't thinking about God's generosity. V32

Are you feeling guilty...you aren't thinking about God's pardon. V33

Are you feeling condemned...you aren't thinking about Christ's work. V34

Are you feeling forsaken...you aren't thinking about Christ's love. vv35-40

WHO ARE YOUR ACCUSERS?

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? V33a

Guilt is being troubled over what you have done.

Who is to condemn? V34a

Shame is being troubled over who you are.

Unresolved guilt and shame will lead to hiding & hurling. (Gen3)

- **Conscience**

1Tim1:19 Holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith.

True guilt is the fact with or without the feelings.

False guilt is feelings without the fact.

Like a smoke detector your conscience can be oversensitive or insensitive and needs recalibration by God's Word. (Judges 21:25; 1Tim4:2)

- **Wrong concept of God**

Liberalism = God accepts me therefore I don't have to obey

Legalism = I obey therefore God accepts me

Gospel = God accepts me therefore I want to obey. (Eph2:8-10; Gal5:1-15)

We take sin seriously because **Jesus died** for our sins but we don't wallow in our guilt because Jesus died **for our sins**.

(1John1:8-9)

- **The Accuser** (Satan)

Rev12:10 For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. (1Pet5:8-9; Zach3:1)

WHAT IS YOUR CURE?

V33b It is God who justifies. (Eph2:8-9; Rom5:1; Rom8:1)

- **He declares me acceptable for fellowship with Him.**

V34b Christ Jesus is the one who died— (Rom6:23, 5:8; 2Cor5:21)

- **He died in my place for my sins.**

V34c more than that, who was raised— (1Cor15; Col2:15)

- **He conquered sin, Satan and death.**

V34d who is at the right hand of God, (Eph1:19-23; John5:25-29)

- **He rules and has the final word on everything & everyone.**

V34e who indeed is interceding for us. (Heb4:15-16; 2Cor12:8-10)

- **He knows and cares and His grace is sufficient.**

As your accusers scream that you're condemned, may the Cross of Christ drown it out that you're eternally accepted in Him!

Growing Notes

- 1) Why do you think Paul is piling on the questions as he heads to the end of Romans 8? Can you tell by the way a person lives whether they believe the Roman's eight promises or not? Explain. How can reveling in the person and promises of God ignite and increase your joy in Him?
- 2) Read Romans 8:33-34. What do you like most about these verses? What is guilt and shame? Review the three categories of accusers and how they work in our lives. Which one(s) do you struggle with the most? How are unresolved guilt & shame emotional terrorists holding us hostage to the past, harassing us in the present & hindering our future?
- 3) Review what the cure is to our accusers. Which one(s) do you find the most helpful? What does it mean that it is God who justifies (v33b; Eph2:8-9; Rom5:1; Rom8:1)? There is no sin so small that it doesn't deserve judgment, but there is no sin so big that it can bring judgment upon those who truly repent. What does it mean that we are to take sin seriously but not wallow in our guilt (1John1:8-9)? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.