

“The Go Between” March 8, 2020

Scripture Text: Romans 8:30-34 NKJV 30 *Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.* 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?* 33 *Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.* 34 *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 30 *Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.* **Amplified** *And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified {acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself}. And those whom He justified, He also glorified {raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being}.*

God knew that man would need to be reconciled by the sacrificial death of His one and only Son. It would be the one sacrifice that would open the door for all humanity to recover from death and decay in a world under condemnation. By sending us His son, God has invited us to join Him in eternity with incorruptible, sinless and glorified bodies. It is His will that none should perish and that all would receive His Son in exchange for eternal life rather than eternal separation in Hell. His call to us is from **Sin...** to **Justification** from **Justification...** to **Salvation** from **Salvation...** to **Sanctification** from **Sanctification...** to **Glorification** when we say yes and really mean it! **We are own our way!** It's a process as we daily look to Him the author and finisher of our faith.

We may stumble and fall, but we get up and stand in His grace that is sufficient for all of our troubles and infirmities. The fullness of His glory awaits for the entrance of His children who have returned to Him through the **Precious Blood of Jesus**.

VERSE 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

This verse reminds me of being a member of a very large family that has a reputation of having each other's backs. Whenever a member is facing an opposing foe, the members of the family will stand with piercing eyes ready to face the opposition. The question was asked, Who are they? Someone answered, Hey... dude he's a member of the God-family, you don't want to tangle with them!

This verse does not require an explanation because if God of all creation is our protector, Jesus is our mediator and the Holy Spirit our power and intercessor. Who can stand against us when God is with us? **So, What do we say to these things?**

We say to these things: Glory Hallelujah! Greater is He that is within us than he that is in the WORLD!

VERSE 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?*

Through the sacrifice of His Son, He has given us salvation and eternal life, but that's not all. He also provides power through the Holy Spirit so that we can do His will. If Christ died for us while we were enemies, how much more will the living Christ do for us now that He has made us His friends! We can be sure that not only will He preserve us from God's wrath against sin, but He will give us everything we **Need** in this life. **Philippians 4:19 NKJV** "*And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*" Use your **FAITH** to move Mountains, use your **PRAYERS** for Breakthrough, use His **WORD** for your Defense, use your **PRAISE** to invite His Presence and in His Presence **REJOICE** until your **Strength Returns**.

Since God has given us the greatest gift (**Jesus our Redeemer**) why would He withhold any good thing from us? He has demonstrated his love for us. **Rom. 5:8 NKJV** "*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*" What more can we ask, then to be used by God to bring Him glory.

The song poet wrote:

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days – Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love – my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself and I will be Ever, only all for Thee, Ever only all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine – It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart – it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.

VERSE 33 *Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.*

Who are the Elect? Those whom He predestined for Salvation.

God unconditionally elects (**chooses**) certain people even though they are sinful as an act of His saving grace apart from the shortcomings or will of man. Those who are chosen have done nothing to deserve this grace.

When I gave my testimony of Christ being my Lord a year after high school the people that I had associated with, found it hard to believe. All that they could remember was my former life because they didn't know the new man. After observing my new lifestyle over time they believed that my transformation was genuine. Afterwards, some said, that I needed to be saved even though they were not.

At twenty I married my High School Sweetheart and we are still married today. To God be the glory and may a jewel be placed in Gloria's Crown for her tender and gracious love for all 51^{1/2} years that we have spent together.

Paul proclaims that in the court of accusations God's children are declared innocent. A **justified sinner** stands before the bench, the call goes out for any accusers to step forward. But there is none! **How could there be?** (**Romans 5:1-2 NKJV** *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*) If God, the Supreme Judge, justifies, then who is going to successfully bring a charge against you? Each time Satan accuses you of sin the Judge says, "Case Dismissed by the **Blood of Jesus!**"

VERSE 34 *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.*

If you have asked the Lord to forgive you of your sins and He has. Let's refresh our minds **Rom. 8:1NKJV** *"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."*

1 John 2:1-2 NKJV *My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **2**And He Himself is the propitiation (Atonement) for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

The work of salvation has been finished and Jesus sits with the Father interceding for us, whenever the enemy accuses us of sins. Jesus is always pleading or mediating our case before the Father, like a defense lawyer on our behalf while the Holy Spirit is making intercessions according to the will of God. **Jesus is Our Go Between!**

Jesus died once, Jesus was buried once, Jesus rose from the grave once and for all so we can live free of condemnation. **Those who refuse to believe in Christ's death, burial and resurrection are living under condemnation.** **Jesus is Our Go Between!** All of the dead believers in the Lord, do not mediate for us. Jesus is the only Mediator between God and man. **1 Timothy 2:5-6NKJV** *"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,"*

Applications:

When we are in the right standing with God, we are more than conquerors.

We are equipped with all things to live a Godly Life.