

## a new Confidence – Outline

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Jesus and the Unjust Judge.

*So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! (Luke 18:7b–8a, NLT)*

Jesus teaches that God is \_\_\_\_\_ and not against us.

Because God is for us:

- There is no \_\_\_\_\_ (8:1)
- The Spirit of God \_\_\_\_\_ in our prayers (8:26)
- God works all things for good (8:28)
- He is \_\_\_\_\_ to himself (8:29)

God \_\_\_\_\_ that those who are justified would be  
\_\_\_\_\_ the image of his Son.

*For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (Romans 8:29, NIV)*

**Do you live your life believing that God is for you and not against you?**

*What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? (Romans 8:31, NLT)*

**How we speak has a direct affect on how we live and act.**

We say:

I know that God is for me, but... I'm not sure I can always \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to provide what I need.

Paul says:

*Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? (Romans 8:32, NLT)*

We say:

I know God loves me, but... I don't think he totally \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Paul says:

*Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. (Romans 8:33, NLT)*

*Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. (Romans 8:34, NLT)*

We say:

I know God has forgives me, but... there must be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ because so much trouble comes my way.

Paul says:

*Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (Romans 8:35-36, NLT)*

Under the Old Covenant, forgiveness was offered on an \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ basis.

*Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins.*

*But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. (Hebrews 10:11-12, NLT)*

But under the New Covenant, Jesus died \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy. (Hebrews 10:14, NLT)*

*"I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds." (Hebrews 10:17, NLT)*

Paul says:

*No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. (Romans 8:37, NLT)*

**Respond, not according to your feelings, but according to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**

*And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. (Romans 8:38, NLT)*

**If God is for us, we can live each day with the awareness that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ each and every situation.**

*No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:39, NLT)*

## **a new Confidence – Study Questions**

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How have you seen God work all things for good in your life?  
Discuss and share some thoughts.

### **Read Romans 8:28-30.**

How do verses 29-30 reflect upon verse 28?

What do verses 29-30 reveal about the meaning of “all things work together for good...”?

What is the meaning of each of these words in verses 29-30? *Foreknew, Predestined, Called, Justified, Glorified*

What does it mean to be conformed to the image of Jesus?

### **Read Romans 8:31-39.**

What are the “all things” freely given us by the Father?

*Psalms 84:11; Matthew 6:31-33; 1Corinthians 3:21-23; Ephesians 1:3*

What are the four events referred to in verse 34? What significance do they have in light of Paul’s purpose in these verses?

What is Paul’s purpose for quoting *Psalms 44:22* in verse 36? What details in the Psalm also apply to the Romans’ situation?

What does Paul mean by stating, “in all things we are more than conquerors’ in verse 37? Conquer what? What is against us? Conquer with what result?

*Romans 12:1-2* begins an application section of the book of Romans. How might *Romans 8:28-39* and *12:1-2* be connected?

Paul mentions many things he thought his audience might believe could separate them from God’s love. What might you add to this list, in your personal life or in your Christian community?