

Sermon Questions for Romans 8:31-34 on Sunday 9-25-2022.

1. Read Romans 8:31-35. What do the questions in 8:31, 33, 34 and 35 tell us about what the Christians at Rome were struggling with? What wrong thinking does Paul want to correct?
2. What does Romans 8:18 and 8:36 indicate could have tempted them to think God didn't love them?
3. Why do Christians sometimes doubt their salvation or God's love for them? What effects can this have on us if we doubt God's salvation and love?
4. Have you ever doubted God's love for you? Why? What effect did it have on you?
5. The opposite of doubt is anxiety and fear. Believing God's word is always given as the antidote to anxiety and fear. (See Psalm 56:3,4,10-11). When a believer embraces and believes God's promises, God produces in them His peace. Considering this, in Romans 8:31, when Paul says, "what shall we say to things?", what are the "things" he is talking about? (see the context above). How does this indicate the importance of knowing and believing theology (truth about God) to overcoming anxiety?
6. How can you prioritize knowing and believing theology? What changes in your schedule would it necessitate?
7. In 8:32, What does God not sparing but delivering (to death) His only son, assure us He will also do for us? What are the "things" He gives us? See the context of 8:14,15,16,17,18,30.
8. What are some other things God has given us according to Ephesians 1:3; 1 John 5:11-13? Some wrongly claim God has promised to give us health and wealth. How does the context of 8:35-36 indicate this isn't so?
9. How does God give us all things in 8:32?
10. The word "freely" indicates without payment or cause in us. It is a word that emphasizes 100% grace of God as the reason. Why would God want us to know this? How would knowing this cause us to be assured about His love and salvation?
11. According to 8:33, who is the only one who can bring charges (to condemn us) against us? What is He doing for us instead? How does this assure us of God's salvation and love?
12. According to 8:34, who is the only one who can carry out judgment (punishment) against us? What is He doing for us? How does this assure us of God's salvation and love?
13. What has the Lord shown you through Romans 8:31-34 about assurance of His salvation and love? How has this affected you? What will you do the next time you struggle with doubt about this? Spend time worshiping God, thanking Him for the things He has done to save and love you described in verses 8:31-34.