

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Romans 8:31 (with 26-30 included)

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Romans 8:26-39. Reread Romans 8:31.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

²⁶ Now in the same way
the Spirit also helps our weakness;
for we do not know what to pray for
as we should,
but the Spirit Himself intercedes
for us
with groanings too deep for words;
²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is,
because He intercedes
for the saints
according to *the will of God*.

²⁸ And we know that God causes all things
to work together
for good
to those who love God,
to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined
to become conformed
to the image
of His Son,
so that He would be the firstborn
among many brothers
and sisters;

³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called;
and these whom He called, He also justified;
and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say
to these things?

If God *is* for us,
who *is* against us?

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1. What are “these things” referring to in verse 31?
2. Who is the “us” in verse 31? How do you know?
3. What evidence in this passage do we have that God is for us?
4. What is the condition given in verse 31?
5. What does this condition mean for those who are not believers?

❖ Day 2

Read Romans 8:26-31 again.

6. In what ways might you or others doubt that God is for you?
7. What implications does it have for your life if God is for you?

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8. Who/what are the things we tend to believe are against us? In what way are they not against us according to verse 31?

9. How does the Spirit help us in our weakness according to this passage?

10. What does it mean that he intercedes for the saints?

❖ Day 3

Read Romans 8:26-31 again.

11. What kinds of things are included in that which God causes to work together for good to those who love God? Give an overall answer and list some specific that fall under that.

12. What does this passage say believers are conformed into? What does this mean? How does 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 add additional support for your answer.

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13. What does it mean to be justified? Glorified?

14. Work through the passage and identify which person of the trinity each pronoun (he,his,him) is referring to. It may be helpful to highlight with different colors for each person of the trinity in your Bible or in the passage on page one of this homework guide.

15. Summarize this passage in 21 words or less.

In preparation for Sunday, pray trusting that God is for you as a believer. Pray with gratitude for the ways God is for you as described in this passage. Pray confessing the ways you doubt God is for you and have feared lesser things than God.