

The God We Worship: The Trinity, Part 2

Romans 8: 31-39

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Introduction - Romans 8 – a magnificent piece of work
God is incomprehensibly large
Romans 8 is loved because it gives us glimpses into God's infinitude
Romans 8 is loved because it gives us a picture of Tri-unity
Romans 8 is also loved because of its capture of immanence

Four Whos and a How

- I. Who can be against us
 - a. A conditional interrogative
 - i. Expects a positive response
 - ii. Romans 8: 28 – all things work together for good for the called
 1. Not: all things are good
 2. BUT all things work together for good
 - a. Not good that people die
 - b. Not good that Jesus was mocked and beaten, but God used that to work His purposes
 3. Who are “the called”
 - a. The bad news
 - i. We are alienated from God and enemies
 - ii. There is nothing we can do about it left to ourselves
 - b. The good news
 - i. God did for us what we could not do for ourselves
 - ii. Jesus allowed Himself . . .
 - iii. He who knew no sin became sin that we might become the righteousness of God in Him
 - II. Three more Whos in this passage
 - a. Who will bring a charge against those whom God has chosen V. 33
 - b. Who is the One who condemns? V. 34
 - c. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ v. 35
 - III. How will He not also along with Him graciously give us all things
 - a. The argument is from the greater to the lesser
 - b. If the cost of reconciliation was so steep, don't you think He will do whatever He can to preserve and promote the ultimate welfare of a people he sacrificed so much to get?
 - c. Where is my Bentley?
 - d. The problem is not that we pursue pleasure, the problem is that we are willing to settle for so little! - C.S. Lewis paraphrase
 - e. We should pursue pleasure and satisfaction:
 - i. Psalm 100: 2; Phil 4:4 Psalm 37: 4
 - IV. Take Away
 - a. Believe the good news
 - b. We sometimes overvalue the wrong things
 - c. We sometimes undervalue the right things
 - d. The Father is sufficient to supply what we need
 - i. For my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus