

INTRODUCTION

1. The questions we ask shows our level of understanding.
2. Rm 8:31 - Paul's questions used to direct our understanding so that we will live in obedient faith. *What shall we say to these things?*

1st: Since God Is For Us - v31b

1. The doctrines of our salvation, taught in chpts 1-8, define how God is *for us*. How God is *for us* is further elaborated in v32-39. Note "*us*".
2. *If* = "since it is so". *For us* - life. *Against us* - death. These are legal, court-room concerns. We cannot be condemned to death in the court of God!
3. Ponder: it is *GOD* who is for us!

2nd: Who is Against Us?

1. We might ask, "Who isn't against us?" v35 & 39. Ps 3:1-2 Enemies oppose us & hinder our experience of being loved by God.
2. We must define ourselves - Rm 6:11.
3. OT - 2 Sam 22:1-4 Ps 41:2; Ps 121:7
4. NT - 1 Pt 1:3-9 2 Thes 3:3

Applic #1: Let Us Not Focus On Who Is Against Us

1. The greatest threat to faith is fear. Isa 8:11-14a - v17
2. Rejection of creational goodness & apostasy - keep eye of faith on King Jesus
3. In midst of opposition & tribulation, we experience being loved by God.

Applic #2: Let Us Focus On Who Is For Us

1. When Peter focused on Jesus, he could walk on water - Ps 16:8.
2. We live in days like those of Noah [Lk 17:26-27]. Isa 54:9-17.
3. God is for me, God is for me.