Freely Given All Things

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?
He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all,
how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:31-32

REVIEW

We are not what we were. We are not what we are going to be. We differ from others in our purpose, values, power, and destiny. We gather to be reminded of why we are here. We gather to bless each other. Most of all, we gather to worship God.

There was a time when we were cut off from God as sons of Adam, as strangers to the covenant, and as sinners by choice. But now, we profess, all things have become new. We are not dead but alive, not darkness but light, not enemies but friends with God, not laboring for self but for Him. Everything has changed thanks to what God has done for us and what He continues to do.

So we have been reading in Romans 8. God knew and loved us before time. He determined He would change us into the likeness of His perfect Son. He calls, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies us. He works in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure. He will continue this work to the very end of the age. He will never leave or forsake us. He makes all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

It is in light of this assured, glorious, unstoppable, wondrous determination of God to take us all the way from shame to inconceivable glory that Paul then writes the text we study today. There we see ...

I. <u>God spared not His own Son</u>.

A. Our God is not a God who spares.

1. He "spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and [He] turn[ed] the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes." (II Pet. 2:4-6)

B. But that He would not spare His own Son!

1. God often shows pity and leniency in sheltering His earthly children, knowing their frame, but He did not spare His Son in any respect. He insisted on the last farthing being paid according to the full strictness of divine justice so that His people be completely saved.

C. The wording reminds us of Gen. 22:12.

1. The Lord said to Abraham, "Thou hast not withheld thy Son, thine only Son from me."

2. This action by Abraham is cited as the proof of his sincere dedication.

3. So this sacrificing of the Son shows God's dedication to His people. He values nothing more than His Son. This action shows the highest form of loving commitment conceivable.

II. <u>He delivered Him up for us all</u>.

A. Delivered him up

1. In the most comprehensive sense, not just delivered to death but placed in the hands of devils and dark-hearted men!

B. For us all

1. Including the most humble and obscure believer, the least deserving, the chief of sinners, the vilest offender who truly believes.

III. <u>How shall He not with Him</u>

A. With Him

1. Christ is all and with Him comes all: All gifts are to be received, held, and enjoyed in communion with Him.

2. All that Christ is and has and does is ours. He is made unto us "wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." (I Cor. 1:30)

IV. <u>Also freely give us all things</u>?

A. Yes, freely give. He that has already given the greatest will not withhold the least.

1. Would He pay this great a price and then not follow through?

2. No, we have the highest proof of divine love and assurance that we shall receive all things.

B. All things!

1. What does that mean in practical terms for folks like us?

   a. God freely gives us a <u>PLAN</u>: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

      1. Examples of others God has told to go

         <u>Abraham</u> – "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee." (Gen. 12:1)

         <u>Isaiah</u> – "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people." (Isa. 6:8-9)

         <u>Ezekiel</u> – "I send you to the children of Israel. Go to them." (Eze. 2:6)

         <u>The seventy</u> – The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways." (Luke 10:2-3)

b. God freely gives us <u>PROVISIONS</u>:

1. All material needs

<u>Israel</u> – "And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot." (Deut. 29:5)

<u>Believers</u> – "Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ... all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:31-33)

<u>The 12 sent out</u> – "Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat." (Matt. 10:9-10)

2. All people needs

<u>In building the Temple</u> – "Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave ...." (II Chron. 2:7-8)

<u>In serving in Babylon</u> – "As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams." (Dan. 1:17)

c. God freely gives us <u>PROTECTION</u>

See Ps. 91:1-7.

See Noah, Lot, Jonathan, Daniel, Jonah, Elijah, ...

d. God freely gives us <u>PARTAKING</u>

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be <u>partakers of the divine nature</u>, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (II Pet. 1:3-4)

e. God freely gives us <u>PERFORMANCE</u>

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will <u>perform</u> it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:6)

DISCUSSION

1. What is God determined to do with you? Tell in detail how He has been doing it.

2. What is God determined to do with our church? Tell in detail what you expect that to look like.

3. God has given you all things. List things God has given you.