

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 8:31-39

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT BIBLE PROPHECY? – PART 4

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And so we're asking the Question –
What Are You Going To Do About Bible Prophecy?

1.) The fact is - your glorification is coming. vs. 31-32

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

2.) The fact is – your defense is in God's hands vs. 33-34

33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, Who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

2a.) His innocence is now my innocence

vs. 33

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

2b.) His death is now my death

vs. 34a

Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died,

2c.) His life is now my life

vs. 34b

**and furthermore is also risen,
Who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.**

The Literal Foundation of Christianity is the Fact (Fact)
That Jesus Christ was Resurrected & is Alive from the dead!

1 Corinthians 15:13-20

But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. **14** And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. **15** Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up – if in fact the dead do not rise **16** For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. **17** And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! **18** Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. **19** If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. **20** But now Christ is risen from the dead.

“And for this purpose, is Jesus Christ risen from the dead –
That He would bring (only those) who trust in Him into a right relationship with
God the Father by way of the Cross.

Revelation 1:17-18, 2:8

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. **18** I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hell and of Death. **2:8** “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, ‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:

“Based upon God’s foreknowledge, we – who have been foreordained – we – His Called out ones, He has justified by faith in Him.

We – who by Him have been glorified, and that now, at present – He is at work within us, transforming us more and more into the likeness of His Son Jesus Christ.”

- a quote

John 14:6, 16-18

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. **16** And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – **17** even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you. **18** I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

John 16:4a,7-14

But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. **8** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. **12** “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13** However, when He, the Spirit of Truth has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

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3.) The fact is – your security is guaranteed vs. 35-36

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

3a.) We no longer worry about the outcome vs. 35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

It’s all been settled dear brother and sister.

The Bible is filled with Impossible situations – here’s one of them.

Separate grk: chorizo; (sha-riz-o)

to divide in half or into sections. to make into parts or into pieces.

**The meaning is;
The head cannot be removed from the body. The hand cannot be removed from the arm. The feet cannot be removed from the legs – the body cannot be divided.**

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When the fact is – your security is guaranteed!

3b.) We no longer seek to establish ourselves vs. 36a

As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;

Quoting the 44th Psalm

“As if we were only meant to be killed and made on purpose to be victims;
as if it were as easy and as innocent a thing to slay us as to slaughter sheep.”
– Charles Spurgeon

A revolutionary concept to the Old Testament man or woman of God: that suffering may not be a punishment, but a battle scar, “the price of loyalty in a world which is at war with God.”

Frank Derek Kidner

Professor of Old Testament Theology - Tyndale House, Cambridge University - b.1913, d.2008

3c.) We no longer want our way about life vs. 36b

“We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

Application:

It looks like we’re outnumbered - It feels like we are dying.

It sounds like we’re losing - It seems like we’re alone.

“Has God worked a work in you ENOUGH so
that you are both unwilling and unable to walk away from Him?

John 6:65-68

And Jesus said, *“Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”* 66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, *“Do you also want to go away?”* 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, *“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”*

Psalm 138:8

The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Perhaps you’re more acquainted with its New Testament counterpart.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

What Are You Going To Do About Bible Prophecy?

4.) The fact is – your suffering is only a tool vs. 37-39

4a.) Suffering allows us to rise above vs. 37

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Conquerors grk: huper’nika’o
an overwhelmingly victor, a warrior having been victorious in battle, standing over the enemy. to stand in full and total victory.

{ a graphic image is in mind here }

“It’s just a scratch, It’s only a flesh wound, it’s nothing.”

1 Peter 4:1 NASB

Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose (mind, thought, expectation), because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased (deflected, held off, withstood) from sin.

What Are You Going To Do About Bible Prophecy When the fact is – your suffering is only a tool!

4b.) Suffering prepares us for what is about to come vs. 38-39a

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing,

4c.) Suffering ends the moment we see Him

vs. 39b

39b shall be able (impossible) to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

able grk: dunamai
to have any power, any might, any effect, or any success.
rendering all things powerless against the perfect plan of God.

This is Hopeful

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

This is Effective

Psalms 17:15

As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

This is Temporary

Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

This is Liberating

2 Corinthians 5:1-3 NLT

For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. **2** We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. **3** For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies.

This is Why - What You Do About Bible Prophecy Matters

The Future is all about God being at Work in You
To Finish What He Started for You !

End of Study

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