If God Is For Us

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12 Comforting Questions

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2. How shall He not with Christ freely give us all things?
3. Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect?
4. Who is he who condemns?

No Condemnation!

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1. **Who** shall separate us from the love of Christ?
2. Shall **Tribulation** separate us?
3. Shall **Distress** separate us?
4. Shall **Persecution** separate us?
5. Shall **Famine** separate us?
6. Shall **Nakedness** separate us?
7. Shall **Perils** separate us?
8. Shall **Sword** separate us?

No Separation!

Romans 8:35-39
“What shall we say to these things?” Sufferings As A Saint

- “If we suffer with Him, we will be glorified with Him” (v.17)
- “The sufferings of this present time are not to be compared with the glory to be revealed in us” (v.18)
- “We eagerly wait for the revealing of the sons of God” (v.19)
- “We will be delivered from this bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God” (v.21)
- “We eagerly wait for the adoption and redemption of our body” (v.22-23)
- “We eagerly wait for our fulfilled hope with perseverance” (v.24-25)

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“What shall we say to these things?”

- “The Holy Spirit will help us in our weaknesses” (v.26-27)
- “All these things (sufferings) work together for our good according to the purpose of God” (v.28)
- “God foreknew, predestined, called, justified and will soon glorify all suffering saints” (v.29-30)

No Condemnation!
“If God is for us, who can be against us?”

- **God is our Provider (Providence)**

- “God is FOR us!” – *The Soldier’s Battle-cry*

"O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?"

"O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You."

"Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."  

(2 Chronicles 20:6,12,19)
“If God is for us, who can be against us?”

- *When God takes sides...*

*Gideon’s 300*

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“How shall He not freely give us all things?”

- **Greater to the Lesser**
- **If own Son on cross ... then:**
  1) *Spirit’s intercession* (Rom 8:26-27)
  2) *Armor of God* (Eph 6:10-17)
  3) *Fruit of the Spirit* (Gal 5:22-23)
  4) *Every spiritual blessing* (Eph 1:3-14)
  5) *Every good and perfect gift* (Jam 1:17)
  6) *All things to life and godliness* (2 Pet 1:3-11)
  7) *Escape from every temptation* (I Cor 10:13)
  8) *Wisdom as needed* (Jam 1:5-8)

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God is our Defender

Isaiah 50:6-9 (Messianic)

6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.
7 "For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.
8 He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me.
9 Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up.

No Condemnation!
“Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect?”

- Perry Mason vs. Hamilton Burger
- Jesus Christ vs. Satan, Principalities, Heavenly Powers

“My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” (I John 2:1-2)
“Who is he who condemns?”

- Christ died, arose, reigns, intercedes for me!
- No October Surprise to fear

Hebrews 7:25-26  Our Defense Attorney, Judge & Jury

“Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens”
“Who is he who condemns?”

- John Bunyan’s *Pilgrim’s Progress*

**Apollyon**: “You, Christian, committed this sin, and this sin, and this sin, and this sin! You are not deserving of grace and mercy, but only death!”

**Christian**: “All this is true. And much more you have left out. I am guilty of all my sins. But the Prince whom I serve and honor is merciful and ready to forgive. I have now obtained pardon from my Prince.”

**No Condemnation!**
“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”

- **CHORIZO** – “depart, divorce, to divide” (cf. Matt. 19:6; I Cor. 7)

- 7 Samples of possible Separators via rhetorical questions

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“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”

- Ephesians 3:18-19

“That you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—
to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge”

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“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”

- Shall TRIBULATION?

- THLIPSIS – “pressure; pressing together; affliction”

  Ephesus: “you have left your first love” (Rev. 2:4)
  Sardis: “you are dead” (Rev. 3:1)
  Thyatira: “you are lukewarm” (Rev. 3:16)

  Smyrna: “you will have tribulation 10 days, be faithful” (Rev. 2:10)
  Philadelphia: “you kept My command to persevere” (Rev. 3:10)

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- Shall **DISTRESS**?

- **STENOCHORIA** – “narrowness; narrow room”
  a squeezing of your spirit and emotions

“in stripes above measure, in **prisons** more frequently, in **deaths** often. From the Jews five times I received forty **stripes** minus one. Three times I was beaten with **rods**; once I was **stoned**; three times I was **shipwrecked**; a night and a day I have been in the **deep**” (2 Cor. 11:23-25)

“Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in **distresses**, for Christ’s sake. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**” (2 Cor. 12:10)
"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

- Shall PERSECUTION?
- DIOGMOS – “threatened with harm”

"yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.” (Matt. 13:21 – Stony ground)

“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer” (2 Thess. 1:3-5)
“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”

- Shall FAMINE?
- LIMOS – “hunger; scarcity of harvest” (either involuntary, or voluntary suffering)

“Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.” (Acts 11:28-29)

"in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—”
(2 Cor. 11:27)

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“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”

- Shall **NAKEDNESS**?
- **GYMNOTES** – “without clothes; nudity”

"in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—”

(2 Cor. 11:27)

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“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”

- Shall PERILS?
- KINDYNOS – “danger; peril”

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” (Eph. 6:12)

“Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” (Col. 2:15)

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“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”

- Shall PERILS?

"in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren”

(2 Cor. 11:26)

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- Shall **SWORD**?

  “Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and **beheaded** him in prison”  
  (Mark. 6:27)

  “Then he killed James the brother of John with the **sword**”  
  (Acts 12:2)

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“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”

- Shall SWORD?

“And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!”  
(Luke 12:4-5)

“And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of ... who quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, ... They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were slain with the sword.”  
(Hebrews 11:32-39)

No Separation!
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.

"Super overcomer; gains the decisive victory" (spiritual Waterloo, World Series, Super Bowl)

The American Crisis:
"These are the times that try men's souls.
The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.
Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly."
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.
It Is Well With My Soul

Words: H. G. Spafford
Music: P. P. Bless

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
What ever my lot, Thou hast blessed assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my sin.

2. Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
Let clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" it is well with my soul.

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought,
Not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The trump shall resound and the heart shall be bright,
When we before the Father shall bow down,
When we before the Father shall bow down,
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