

Romans 8:33-39

33. "Who shall bring a **CHARGE AGAINST** God's **ELECT**? It is God who **justifies**."

- **Isaiah 50:8-9** "He is near who _____ me; _____ will contend (argue, fight) with me? Let us stand together. Who is my adversary (enemy)? Let him come near me. Surely the Lord _____ will help me; _____ is he who will _____ me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up."
- **Read Numbers 23:1-23** (Verse 21) "He (God) has not observed _____ in Jacob, nor has He seen _____ in Israel. The Lord _____ is _____ him, and the shout of a king is among them." (Verse 23) "For there is _____ sorcery (enchantment) _____ Jacob, nor is there any divination (putting a spell on) _____ Israel. It now must be said of Jacob and Israel, 'Oh, what _____ has done!.' "

Definition: "GOD'S ELECT" - The "elect" means the ones **CHOSEN BY GOD** to be HIS PEOPLE. In Romans 8:33, the "elect" refers to the Believers in Jesus Christ. However, in the Old Testament, Israel was God's elect (see Romans 11:28 "As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for you sakes: but as touching the ELECTION, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes."), and during the seven years of the Great Tribulation, the 144,000 and their converts will also be God's "elect" during that time.

Definition: "THERE IS NO SORCERY AGAINST Jacob" - This is an amazing portion of scripture! We all know that Jacob, or Israel - God's people in the Old Testament, were NOT perfect or sinless, and in fact, God had to discipline them severely later on. However, when it came to someone else wanting to put a CURSE on God's people, God would not allow it. God says here that He is not focusing on Israel's faults, but on the fact that they are HIS PEOPLE. In the same way, God see US as BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST, NOT in our own sinfulness, but **in the righteousness of His Son, Jesus**. God's PROTECTION of us is based on His having CHOSEN US (we are "the elect"), NOT on our being perfect or sinless.

- **I John 4:4** "You are of _____, little children (you BELONG to Him), and have overcome them; because _____ is _____ that is in you, than he that is in the _____."

Definition: "HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD" - Satan is called the "god of this world" and the "prince of the power of the air (atmosphere)." Satan is the one who is "in the world," and controlling this world system. **We have the SPIRIT OF GOD in us**, who is FAR GREATER and more powerful than Satan.

- **Revelation 12:9-10** "So the great dragon was cast (thrown) out, that serpent of old, called the _____ and _____, who _____ the whole _____; he was cast to (thrown down to) the Earth, and his _____ were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying, ' Now _____ and strength, and the _____ of our God, and the _____ of His _____ have come, for the _____ of our brethren, who _____ them day and night, has been cast down.'"

Definition: "The ACCUSER of the Brethren" - This is another title for Satan. "The Brethren" means "brothers," which is another name for Christians. Satan "ACCUSES us DAY and NIGHT," and this word, "accuse" means to "**charge with some offense**." IF YOU BELONG TO JESUS, and you feel you are under condemnation, Romans 8:1 says that the **condemnation is NOT coming from God**. Romans 8:33 asks, "Who shall bring a **CHARGE AGAINST**" us? **Satan accuses and brings charges against**

us, but God immediately declares us JUSTIFIED in His sight, because we are IN CHRIST JESUS, and **Satan's charges are THROWN OUT OF COURT!**

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.**"

- **Hebrews 12:2** "Looking unto _____, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him _____ the _____, despising the shame, and has sat down at the _____ of the throne of God."
- **Hebrews 1:13** "But to which of the angels has He ever said, ' _____ at My _____, till I make Your enemies Your footstool?' "
- **Ephesians 1:20-21** "Which He wrought in Christ when He _____ Him from the _____, and set Him at His own _____ in the heavenly places, far _____ all principality, and _____, and might and dominion, and every _____ that is _____ not only in this world, but also in that which is to come."
- **Psalms 110:1** "The Lord (God the Father) said to my Lord (Jesus), Sit at My _____, till I make Your enemies Your footstool?"
- **Read Hebrews 7:22-28** (Verses 25-26) "Therefore He (Jesus) is also able to _____ to the uttermost (completely) those who _____ to _____ through _____, since He ever (always) lives to make _____ for them. For such a High _____ was fitting for us, who is _____, harmless (sinless), undefiled, separate from _____, and has become higher than the heavens."
- **1 John 2:1** "My little children, these things I write to you, that you may not _____. And if anyone _____, we have an Advocate (Defender, Intercessor) with the Father, _____ the righteous."

35-36. "Who shall separate us from **the LOVE of Christ**? Shall **tribulation**, or distress, or **PERSECUTION**, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: '**For Your sake we are KILLED** all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' "

- **John 14:21 & 23** "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who _____ Me. And he who loves Me will be _____ by My _____, and I will _____ him and manifest (show) Myself to him." " Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will _____ him, and _____ will come to him and make _____ home with him.' "
- **1 John 4:10** "In this is _____, not that we _____ God, but that He _____ us and sent His _____ to be the propitiation (sacrifice) for our _____."
- **John 15:20** "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A _____ is not greater than his _____.' If they _____ Me, they will also _____ you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also."
- **John 16:1-3** "These things I have spoken to you, that you should _____ be made to stumble (lose your faith). They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever _____ you will think that he offers God service. And these _____ they will do to you because they have NOT _____ the Father nor _____."
- **Matthew 5:10-12** " _____ are those who are _____ for righteousness _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed (happy) are you when they revile and _____ you, and _____ all kinds of _____ against you falsely for My _____. Rejoice and be exceedingly _____, for great is your _____ in heaven, for so they _____ the prophets who were before you."

Definition: "For Your SAKE we are KILLED" - Paul is quoting from Psalm 44:22, a passage dealing with Israel when God was allowing them to be defeated by their enemies and captured, as part of His discipline for their DISOBEDIENCE. Even in all that, God never stopped loving Israel, and they didn't stop being His people. For us as Christians, we may go through some DISCIPLINING of SUFFERING THE

CONSEQUENCES of our own SINS, but that does NOT separate us from the Lord and His love for us. Also, this verse is referring to **TRIBULATION and PERSECUTION for Jesus' SAKE**, which is entirely DIFFERENT from suffering for your own mistakes and sins. Believers since the earliest days of the Christian church, and many prophets in Old Testament times, have given their lives for the SAKE OF CHRIST, but even the most horrible torture and physical death CANNOT SEPARATE US from God's love.

- **Romans 8:31** "What shall we say to these things? If God is _____ us, who can be _____ us?"
- **Read I Peter 4:12-16** (Verses 15-16) "But let none of you _____ as a _____, a _____, and evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet, if anyone _____ as a _____, let him not be _____, but let him _____ God in this matter."
- **Read Hebrews 11:36-40** (Verses 37-40) "They were stoned [to death], they were _____ in two, were tempted (tested, probably TORTURED), were _____ with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins, being destitute, _____, _____ - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the Earth. And all these, having obtained a good _____ through _____, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us." **Definition: "Did NOT receive the PROMISE"** - This verse is talking about Old Testament saints who, though they "obtained a good testimony through FAITH," (in other words, they were SAVED BY FAITH), they did not go directly to heaven when they died. They could not go into God's presence until Jesus died and PAID THE PENALTY for their sins. When the veil in the temple was torn in two (see Matthew 27:50-53), THEN the WAY WAS OPEN for US and all true Believers who had died before, to go directly into the presence of God.

37. "Yet **IN ALL these things** we are **MORE than CONQUERORS through Him** who loved us.

- **I Corinthians 15:57-58** "But thanks be to _____, who gives us the _____ through our Lord _____. There, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the _____."
- **I John 5:4-5** "For whatever is born of God _____ the world. And this is the _____ that has _____ the world - our faith. Who is he who _____ the world, but he who believes that _____ is the Son of God?"
- **John 16:33** "These things I have spoken to you, that in _____ you may have _____. In the world you will have _____; but be of good cheer, I have _____ the _____."

38-39. "For I am persuaded that neither **death nor life**, nor **angels nor principalities**, nor powers, nor **things present nor things to come**, 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.**"

- **Ephesians 3:17-19** "That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in _____, by be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the _____ and _____ and _____ and _____ - to know the _____ of _____ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."
- **Jude 24-25** "Now to _____ who is _____ to keep you from _____, and to present you faultless (without blame) before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise,"
- **Read John 10:27-30** "My Sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they _____ Me. And I give them _____ life, and they shall _____ perish; neither shall anyone

_____ them out of My _____. My Father who has _____ them to Me, is greater than all; and **NO ONE** is able to snatch them out of My Father's _____."

Definition: "SEPARATE us from the LOVE of GOD" - Our position is "in Christ, seated with Him in heavenly places" - God placed us there, and **we did NOT do anything to earn** that position. God CALLED us, CHOSE us, and PREDESTINED us **APART from any goodness or works of our own**, so He is able also to KEEP US FROM FALLING, He is able to PRESERVE US and prevent ANY PERSON OR THING from separating us from Himself. **It is NOT WE OURSELVES WHO HOLD ONTO GOD**, but **GOD who HOLDS ONTO US. NOTHING can separate us from God** and His love if we are His child through faith in Jesus Christ. God has made a **PROMISE that He will complete His work in our lives.**

- **Ephesians 2:4-7** "But _____, who is rich in mercy, for His great _____ with which He _____ us, even when we were dead in sins, has _____ us alive together with Christ (by grace are you saved), and has raised us up together, and has _____ us to sit together in heavenly places with Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come, He might show the exceeding riches of His _____ in His _____ towards us in Christ Jesus."
- **Philippians 1:6** "Being _____ of this very thing, that He who has _____ a good _____ in you will _____ it until the day of Jesus Christ."
- **I Thessalonians 5:23** "now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you (MAKE YOU HOLY) completely; and may your whole _____, _____, and _____ be preserved _____ at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."