# **REDEMPTION CHURCH**

# Romans 8 | Week 10: All Good Things

# **ROMANS 8:32-36**

"He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died–more than that, who was raised–who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

## John 3:16-19

""For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

## This week we continue in our Romans 8 series with verses 32-36.

After looking at the first of Paul's questions in this chapter last week, Pastor Steven walks us through this passage and shows us the assurance, or proof, we have that having God *for us* is truly better than anything that ever comes *against us*.

# What must we see in this passage?

#### Proof 1: The good gifts He has bestowed on us (see v32).

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:17

#### Gift 1: Salvation through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

- Look to <u>Genesis 22:9-14</u> to see there is nothing more powerful than a father giving up his son. It was Abraham's proof of his faithfulness. His son lived, while Jesus went to the cross. What a gift given to us!
- Who were we when the gift was given? "...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8
- God GAVE us His Son -to be beaten, mocked, scorned, and crucified. It wasn't to keep us from being condemned, we already were -He was given to save us! See John 3:16-19
- He gave us this gift, but what else will He give us –what does Paul mean by "give us all things"?
  "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire." 2 Peter 1:3-4
- How do we obtain *these things*? Knowledge of Him. But where do we get that knowledge?

#### Gift 2: Receiving the Holy Spirit.

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:13

# **WHOSE OPINION?**

## Jesus' opinion of us matters, not Satan's. The One whose opinion matters:

- lived a perfect life and bore the weight of sin as he died a sacrificial death.
- descended into hades and defeated death.
- rose from the grave up to heaven, was given all authority, and sits on the throne interceding for us.

# REMEMBER

The same God who saved Noah in the flood, wandering Abraham, Jacob as he ran, Moses in the desert, Elijah against Jezebel, David against his enemies, Jeremiah against a wretched Israel, and Jesus against Herod/Pilate/Jewish leaders/Satan himself –the power of light against the darkness of the world...that SAME God LIVES IN US.

# DISCUSS

- How do verses 33-34, along with <u>Isaiah 50:8-9</u> give us confidence? How can seeking others' approval ultimately rob us of that confidence?
- 2. What does a life that fully trusts God in *all things* look like? How is it full of freedom instead of enslaved to fear? In what ways are you tempted to doubt that God wants to freely give you *all things*?

## Gift 3: Obtaining wisdom.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." **Proverbs 1:7** 

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind." James 1:5-6

#### Gift #4: Just a FEW His GREAT promises.

- Matthew 28, "He is with us always..."
- Isaiah 26, "He grants us perfect peace..."
- Deuteronomy 31, "He will never leave us nor forsake us..."
- Psalm 32 "...He will teach us the right way to go..."
- Matthew 11, "...He will give us rest..."
- How can we be assured these are for <u>us</u>? Paul addresses three things that potentially stop Christians from believing that all of these gifts are for them. These "gift-stealers" are:
  1. Judgment 2. External Powers/Affairs 3. Spiritual Powers

Paul dismantled each of these gift stealers. We'll look at the first two ways this week. So, how can be sure?

## **Proof 2: The judgment he has issued toward us** (v 33-34).

To summarize the argument Paul is making, the enemy tries to accuse us of not being enough. He will charge us with violating the covenant and not living up to "our end of the bargain."

- Satan is our accuser: "And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God." **Rev 12:10**
- While Satan is busy accusing us day and night, Jesus is interceding for us –**He's declared us NOT GUILTY!**

#### **Proof 3: The lack of power the world has over us** (v 35-36).

The physical cannot separate us from the Spiritual. The worst that can be thrown at us still isn't enough to take God's love from us.

- "Come at me bro!" Strong Christians can take on the power of this world with a love that cannot be taken from us. me."
- We know the promises He has for us. We know of the death His son died for us. We know the resurrection life that awaits us.

#### I am His and He is mine.

He keeps/preserves us-giving us every GIFT that we need to live a life of Godliness. He'll **never** leave or forsake us. Our Father says that **in Jesus Christ, His Son,** He approves of us, counts us righteous, and affirms and loves us as His holy children.