

It Was the Best of Times, It Was the Worst of Times

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Romans 8:31-39

In today's text Paul's convictions burst forth with a compelling argument that can both revive us and urge us forward. We can be confident that anyone's modest love for God can be grown into a larger faith that is led by the Spirit.

1. Vs. 31— Practically re-phrased is: “What will we do because of this?”
2. As believers we are “Now under new management with a huge “safety net” under us.
3. Vs. 28— All things work together for good for those who love the Lord. (actively pursuing Him)
4. “God's love”, “Give us all things”, “more than conquerors” speaks to God's power and commitment to make us into the image of Jesus. (Romans 8:5-6)
5. God's Love = “Will to do good”

Questions

1. Because of verse 31, what are some practical steps or adjustments that would be helpful to incorporate into our lives?
2. Vs. 32 says God will “graciously give us all things.” Make a list of some of these things.
3. Vs. 33 says, “who will bring any charge against us?” Look at Revelation 12:10 and Job 1:8-11. What is God's demeanor and response to all of this?
4. Vs. 33 also says we have been justified (declared righteous). Vs. 34 asks “who will condemn us?” We can sometimes heap guilt or shame on ourselves. Though God is understanding what does he think of our doing this?
5. In light of no one being able to condemn us and absolutely nothing can separate us from God, take a look at Matthew 11:28. What are the odds that we will be able to be “led by the Spirit” if we want to be?

