

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? - Romans 8:33-34

I. THE COURT IS IN SESSION

- Paul invites us into a courtroom setting. Who will bring the accusation? Who is the one who condemns? (Vss. 33-34; Zech. 3:1-4, **Rev. 12:7-12**).
- Moses, in his humility and love for his people, interceded on their behalf. He was a servant in God's house. Jesus is worthy of more glory, for he intercedes for us as a Son in God's house (Ex. 32:30-32; **Heb. 3:1-6**).

II. WHAT SHALL WE SAY?

- We know:
 - A. God works all things together for good for those who love him and are called according to his purpose.
 - B. Those he foreknew he also:
 1. Predestined to be conformed to Jesus.
 2. Those predestined were called.
 3. Those called were justified.
 4. Those justified are glorified (Rom. 8:28-30).
- If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his Son but gave him up for us. How is it that he would not also grant us everything? (Vss. 31-32)

III. THE COURT IS ADJOURNED

- Jesus Christ is interceding for his people. He is the one who:
 1. Died
 2. Has been raised
 3. Is at God's "right hand"
- Jesus is our high priest. He is praying for us. No accusation stands when he stands for us (John 17).
- Save yourself from this corrupt generation (Acts 2:40-41).

KNOW: As Moses interceded for the people of Israel, so Jesus intercedes for his people. Moses' intercession follows the condemnation of Israel. Jesus' intercession follows his own condemnation on our behalf.

DO: Save yourself from this corrupt generation. Receive the intercession of Jesus.

Suggested Reading:

The Cross of Christ by John Stott
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

For Children:

Darkest Night, Brightest Day by Marty Machowski
(Available in the LifePoint Kid's Library)

The True King by Nancy Guthrie
(Available in the LifePoint Kid's Library)

Next Week's Preaching Text: Hebrews 10

**Questions/Discovery Points for
Life Groups/Families**

Please Read Romans 8:31-34

1. What is Paul's point in this passage?
2. What is the reasoning he puts forth to assure believers that their sins are forgiven and that they are justified?
3. Who brings accusations against God's people?
4. What does it mean that Jesus intercedes for us? What is his intercession?
5. What does this mean for us, as believers?
6. What does this mean for you? What will you do about it?