

MORE THAN SURVIVORS!

Romans 8:26-39

Today we are celebrating the most life-changing event in human history, the resurrection of Jesus the Christ from the dead and how that can impact each of us. Inspired by God's Spirit, the Apostle Paul rehearses the theme of what it means to be in relationship with a promise-keeping God who answers the basic questions of life.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ANSWERED

1. The Question of Prayer vs. 26, 27

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

2. The Question of Purpose vs. 28-30

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

3. The Question of Protection v. 31

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

4. The Question of Provision v. 32

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

5. The Question of Penalty v.33, 34

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

6. The Question of Perseverance vs. 35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ: Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

