

Convictions About God

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FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION: IS GOD GOOD?

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them. For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, He called them to come to Him. And having called them, He gave them right standing with Himself. And having given them right standing, He gave them His glory.

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since He did not spare even His own Son but gave Him up for us all, won't He also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for His own? No one – for God Himself has given us right standing with Himself. Who then will condemn us? No one – for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and He is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, "For Your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:28-39 (NLT)

1. CONVICTION: GOD IS _____!

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them. Romans 8:28 (NLT)

- A. HE HAS MY BEST _____ IN MIND.
- B. HE DOESN'T _____ ALL THINGS.
- C. HE FINDS A _____ ALL THINGS FOR THE GOOD.
- D. DOES NOT SAY THAT HE WILL MAKE EVERYTHING _____.

2. CONVICTION: I HAVE _____!

For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:29 (NLT)

- A. THIS IS NOT JUST AN _____ LIFE.
- B. HE HAS A _____ IN MIND.
- C. HE IS DOING A _____ PROJECT.

3. CONVICTION: GOD IS _____!

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Romans 8:31 (NLT)

- A. HE IS ON MY _____.
- B. THERE IS NOTHING LEFT TO _____.
- C. HOW IS GOD FOR ME?
 - 1. HE GAVE ME HIS _____.
 - 2. GOD IS _____ ME.

4. CONVICTION: GOD _____!

- A. GOD DOES NOT _____.
- B. GOD IS NOT _____.
- C. NOTHING CAN _____ US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD.

Next Steps:

- I will read Romans 8:28-39 several times this coming week.
- I see evidence of God's goodness in my life because _____.
- I will ask God to show me His undeniable love and share that with someone else.