

“Who Could Come Against God’s People”

Romans 8:33-34

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

MAIN IDEA: God is working for the good of His elect. Anything that might try to stand in the way of God fulfilling His redeeming work in them is utterly weak by comparison, and is not to be feared.

Why does a believer need to know this?

If our salvation is founded upon the perfect work of Jesus Christ, then Christians have every reason to be _____.
(Phil. 1:6, 2:13, 1 Thess. 5:24)

If we continually question whether God has actually redeemed us, how will that affect...

- Our joy and rest?
- Our ability to appreciate God and show gratitude towards Him?
- Our willingness to engage the lost with the gospel?

What is the nature of the charge?

This applies _____ to every sin forgiven by Christ.

Vs. 33a – *Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?*

This applies _____ to sin’s capacity to render us unrighteous.

Vs. 33b – *It is God who justifies.*

The use of the future tense word ‘shall’ indicates that Paul has the final day of judgment in mind. Therefore, the *charge* in view is anything that would give us cause to tremble in regards to our eternal security, anything that would bring into question our right standing before God.

Our opposition: Who represents the prosecution in this scenario?

Satan

The prevailing moral consensus of the day

The false teacher

The self

It can be difficult for the justified Christian to see themselves as righteous, in the way that God sees the Christian as righteous.

Your _____ = protection from the accusations of the enemy.

Paul’s first defense:

We don’t declare ourselves righteous, _____ declares us righteous.

Vs. 33b – *It is God who justifies.*

Paul’s second defense:

Vs. 34b – *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.*

The finished work of Jesus Christ is undeniable:

- His death for our sins
- His resurrection – an indication that His offering was sufficient
- His ascension and intercession

To reject that the elect are truly saved is to reject that Christ’s atoning work was insufficient – let us never entertain the thought that our sin is greater than Christ’s atoning work.

Isaiah 53:10-12...

