

***God's attitude
toward sin***

1:18

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,”

How does this square with my experience?

Ch.1-7

***God's attitude
toward the believer***

8:28

“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to {His} purpose.”

How does this square with my experience?

Ch.8-16

Romans 8

“31 What then shall we say to these things? If God {is} for us, **who {is} against us?** 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

33 **Who will bring a charge against God’s elect?** God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

35 **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 Just as it is written, “*For Thy sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.*”

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor

angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

“³¹ What then shall we say to these things?

Can God take the blessing away?

Can Satan take the blessing away?

Can the world take the blessing away?

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Observations from Romans 8:31-39

- 1. Paul understood the logical questions that would arise from his teaching in 8:28.**
- 2. The promises of Scripture are focused on the coming victory in heaven not on heaven on earth.**
- 3. The greatest threats to my soul are not the issues of this life but the next.**
- 4. The cross of Christ is the anchor for my faith in God's love for me.**
- 5. It is God's work for me not my work for Him that secures me.**

Is the believer secure?

Can a person, through moral failure loose their position in Christ?

NO!

(The issue is faith not faithfulness)

Can a person who once professed faith come to a place of no longer professing faith?

YES!

(It happens often)

Can a person who no longer professes faith in Christ be assured of eternal life?

NO!

Can a person who professes faith in Christ and is unfaithful in obeying Christ be assured of eternal life?

YES!

(If their faith is a trust in Christ as their righteousness.)

Psalm 44

¹³ You have made us a reproach to our neighbors,
the scorn and derision of those around us.

¹⁴ You have made us a byword among the nations;

the peoples shake their heads at us.
15 My disgrace is before me all day long,
and my face is covered with shame
16 at the taunts of those who reproach and revile me,
because of the enemy, who is bent on revenge.

17 All this happened to us,
though we had not forgotten you
or been false to your covenant.
18 Our hearts had not turned back;
our feet had not strayed from your path.
19 But you crushed us and made us a haunt for jackals
and covered us over with deep darkness.

20 If we had forgotten the name of our God
or spread out our hands to a foreign god,
21 would not God have discovered it,
since he knows the secrets of the heart?
22 Yet for your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

23 Awake, O Lord! Why do you sleep?
Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever.

24 Why do you hide your face
and forget our misery and oppression?

25 We are brought down to the dust;
our bodies cling to the ground.
26 Rise up and help us;
redeem us because of your unfailing love.