

THE GUARANTOR OF OUR FAITH

Romans 8:28-39

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1. Our Need for a Guarantor

☞ What is a *guarantor*?

Webster's One who undertakes to answer for the payment of a debt or the performance of a duty of another in case of the other's default or miscarriage.

☞ Why do we need a *guarantor* of our faith?

- Because of the Spiritual Blessings we receive
- Because of Accusations
- Because of our Pain
- Because of our Unbelief

☞ What difference does it (should it) make that Christ is our *guarantor*?

- The BASIS of our Blessings
- The Payment of our Debt
- The Empathy of our Suffering
- Grace AND Justice

2. God as Guarantor

v. 28 - And we know that God causes everything to work together for our good

v. 29 - For God knew his people in advance, & He chose them to become like his Son,

v. 30 - And having chosen them, He called them to come to him. & He gave them right standing with himself, & He promised them his glory. If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

v. 32 - Since God did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else?

v. 33 - **Who dares accuse** us whom God has chosen for his own? Will God? No! He is the one who has given us right standing with himself.

☞ He Causes everything to work together for our good (v. 28) – **Divine Sovereignty / Providence**

☞ He Knew us even before anything was created (v. 29) – **Intimacy** He Chose us to become like His Son (v. 29) – **Divine Purpose**

☞ He Called us to come to Him (v. 30) – **Direction**

☞ He Gave us right standing with Himself (v. 30) – **Standing**

☞ He Promised us His glory (v. 30) – **Future Hope**

☞ He Gave us His own Son (v. 32) – **Love**

3. Christ as Guarantor

v. 34 - Who then will condemn us? Will Christ Jesus? No, for He is the one who died for us and was raised to life for us and is sitting at the place of highest honor next to God, pleading for us.

v. 35 - 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 are hungry or cold or in danger or threatened with death?

vv. 37-39 - 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 his love.... Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

☞ He died for us (v. 34) - **No Limit to His Love**

☞ He was raised to life for us (v. 34) - **No Limit to His power**

☞ He is pleading for us (v. 34) - **No Limit to His Protection**

☞ He loves us. (vv. 35-37) -

A Truth to Remember:

God has provided EVERYTHING we need to secure our eternal future with Him. Jesus, Himself, guarantees that!

A Challenge to Consider:

Are we willing to entrust ourselves to Him by faith, rather than demanding that our security be tangible and visible? Is the basis of our confidence any sense of SELF-worth? Or is it in HIM?

One thing I heard this morning was...

One way I heard the gospel this morning was...