# ROMANS

SEEING WHAT IS RIGHT • THROUGH GOD'S EYES



# No Condemnation! — Empowered by the Truth

Romans Series – Module 3: "Resurrected"

#### Questions over Questions

- Crime doesn't pay... does that mean my job is a crime?
- Why don't they call mustaches "mouthbrows?"
- How come people tell you to stay a kid for as long as you can, yet the moment you do anything childish or immature they tell you to grow up?
- When asked the question: "What three things would you bring to a deserted Island?", why doesn't anyone ever say "BOAT"?
- If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
- Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as 4's?



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Romans XIII:XXVIII-XXXIX

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- ⇒ Middle of the Book of Romans
- ⇒ "Grand Finale" of the Gospel

Romans 8:28-39 (pew Bible p.800)



# Mother's Day

- Can you think of one or two instances today, this past week or this past month when you did a GREAT job at being a mom?
- ⇒ You do a great job…you just don't think about it very often

- How much do you love your children?
- => God loves you even as he loves his son Jesus (John 17:23)





# God loves you!

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- V31+32
  - If God is for us => Since God is for us

#### How do we know?

- V28
  - In all things, God is for you!
- V29
  - The good thing God works for you: Christlikeness
- V30
  - We are human "beings". God is doing the doing.



#### How do we know?

- Romans 1-8
  - Free will is a myth
  - New life is a gift

- => We need help
- => He saves us

- Rest of the Bible
  - Genesis 50:20 "You intended to harm, but God intended it for (our) good"
  - Exodus 14:14" Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work FOR YOU today...The Lords will fight FOR YOU, you need only to be still."
  - 1. Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares FOR YOU." < ●</p>
  - Romans 8:32 God did not spare his own son, but gave him up FOR US!"



#### Questions over Questions

- Do pilots take crash-courses?
- Do you think that when they ask the Queen for ID that she just whips out a coin?
- How can you tell when it is time to tune your bagpipes?
- Why is it said that an alarm clock is going off when really it's coming on?
- Why do they call it 'chili' if it's hot?
- Why do we have hot water heaters when hot water doesn't need to be heated?



- Question: If God is for us, who can be against us?
  - 1. Nothing!
  - 2. No one!
  - 3. Everyone!
- Truth vs. Experience
  - Ultimate Reality vs. Perceived Reality
  - Tension



# Who will bring a charge? (v.33)

#### **Perceived Reality**

- Worry
- Anxiety
- Perfectionism
- People pleasing

#### **Truth**

God is for us => God justifies us

⇒ Peace with God

(Romans 5:1)



# Who will condemn? (v.34)

#### **Perceived Reality**

- Guilt
- Shame
- Accused
- Self-condemnation x2
  - Our sinfulness
  - Our guilty conscience

#### **Truth**

God is for us => God gave his Son for us

- Jesus paid it all
- Jesus intercedes for us
- ⇒ No condemnation
- ⇒ Freedom from guilt and shame

(Romans 8:1) (Galatians 5:1)



# Who can separate us from His love?

#### **Perceived Reality**

- Lack of self-worth/significance
- Identity crisis
- Loneliness
- Fear

#### **Truth**

God is for us => His love never fails

- ⇒ New Identity: Children of God
- ⇒ Secured

(1 John 3:1)



#### One more question...

- How are we going to remember this and let the truth guide us to a new reality?
- **⇒** We need reminders
- Mother's Day
- Rocks
- Jesus and the Holy Spirit





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