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- 31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?  
 32 He who did not spare even His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

QUESTION----

- what shall we say...to all **these things**? What things? All of Ch. 8 so far

- \* no condemnation (ever) in Jesus (He bore it all already)
- \* the law of the Spirit/life has set us free from the law of sin/death (ie: aerodynamics metaphor)
- \* the requirements of the Law can now be fully met in us (through Jesus living in us)
- \* if the Spirit of God lives in us, we are no longer under the control of our flesh
- \* in Jesus we are now God’s children....and joint-heirs with Jesus
- \* we can **expect** future good (hope) -- for ourselves & all of creation
- \* the Spirit is there to **help us** when we don’t know how to pray properly (lifting-the-couch metaphor)
- \* the Spirit always prays **for us** & **with us** according to God’s will
- \* God is working-together ALL THINGS for our good
- \* the incredible sequence of our security: foreknew→predestined→called→justified→**glorified** (past tense)

ANSWER----

- (if) **since** God is **for us**, who can be **against us**?  
 ----- the point is not that nothing can set itself against us, but that nothing/no one can **successfully** be against us, because God is **for us** (those of us who are **in Jesus**)

**COMMENT #1** who/what is **attempting** to stand successfully against us?

- 1) the world system -----(overcome by Jesus - John 16:33)
- 2) our own flesh -----(overcome by the Holy Spirit living in us -- Gal. 5)
- 3) the Devil = (**accuser** of the brethren ) Satan = (**adversary**)  
 ---publicly defeated on the cross

NOTE: “no weapon forged against you will **prevail**...the heritage of God’s servants” Is. 54  
 --He made the arm that wields the sword  
 --He even made the Destroyer (Satan himself is a created being, subject to God)

\*\*\* NOBODY IS DRIVING MY BUS BUT JESUS \*\*\*

**COMMENT #2** -----He is not **opposed** to us or **neutral**...in Jesus, His posture is that He is **on our side** for our constant good

-----a huge change in my life when I came to realize this truth

THE PROOF OF HIS INTENTIONS----

- He who did not spare (even) His own Son.... His greatest Treasure--His very self  
 ----WHY? Because He **loved** us John 3:16 “God so LOVED the world that He gave....”
- but **gave Him up for us all**.... while we were His **enemies!!** [Rom. 5]  
 ----GR - paradidomi = “to deliver up someone to custody, to be judged, condemned, punished, scourged, tormented, put to death”
- how will He not also, along w/Him, graciously give us all things? (all things necessary to fulfill His good plans for us)

**COMMENT** emphasis is on the **ADVERB** = the WAY/ATTITUDE with which He provides all things  
 ---not begrudgingly, but full of Graciousness (giving **undeserved** favor)

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8:31-32 - In face of all this, what is there left to say? If God is for us, who can be against us? He that did not hesitate to spare his own Son but gave him up for us all - can we not trust such a God to give us, with him, everything else that we can need?