

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Rm 8:28-30 see surrounding verses - set in context.
2. Our heavenly intercessor - v31-34. God's love for us in Christ - v35-39

**1st: We Are Justified in the Courtroom of God**

1. Our innate need & desire to be judged - creation is a moral reality.
2. The rectification of wrongs has begun in our salvation in Christ: we are legally [v31-34] loved [v35-39].
3. v31-34a: justification [v30] - lawyer-like questions, defying any to make a case against us & overthrow God's verdict on our behalf in Christ.
4. In v31-34 the opposition is legal - but *God is for us*; Christ was *delivered up for us*; *who also intercedes for us*.

**2nd: No Court Can Overturn Our Justification in God's Court**

1. Yet conscience convicts - Rm 7:24-25. Thanks? 8:1 - we are justified & are learning to live by the Spirit. Why? Because *God is for us* in Christ Jesus.
2. Biblical Christianity is becoming less socially acceptable. Remember God's judgment of us in Christ when faced w/ the accusations made against us in the lesser courts of this world.
3. Rv 12:10 Satan - prosecuting attorney - cast out of God's court, infiltrates lesser courts in hope of accusing Christians & deceiving us into thinking that men's judgment of us is more important than God's judgment of us *in Christ*.
  - i. Jesus endured the injustice of human courts - so too Paul & apostles.
  - ii. Satan persecutes Christians legally!
4. Isa 54:17 Rehearse Paul's 5 questions: Rm 8:31-35a.
  - i. In worship
  - ii. In fellowship
  - iii. In conscience - there is no sin for which Jesus did not atone - Rm 5:1-2