

INTRODUCTION

1. Rhetorical questions - Rm 8:31-35

1st: Paul's Pivotal Questions in His Argument

1. Paul's use of rhetorical questions.
2. 2:3-4 - 2 questions
3. 2:21-23- 5 questions
4. 3:1 - 2 questions; v3 2 questions; v5 2 questions; v7-8 2 questions; v9 2 questions [v10-18 = OT]. v273 questions; v29 2 questions; v31 1 question.
5. 4:1 - 1 question; v3 1 question; v9-10 3 questions
6. Chpt 5 - blessings of justification: in Christ not Adam
7. 6:1-3 4 questions [v13 = 1st imperative]. v15-16 3 questions; v21 1 question
8. 7:1 1 question; v7 2 questions; v13 1 question; v24 - answer: v25
9. Rm 8 - v24 1 question; v28-30 - v31. *these things* = v28-30 & chpts 1-7
 - i. Rm 9-11 Redemptive History.
 - ii. 12:1 - imperatives. Rhet questions: 9 in chpt 9; 9 in chpt 10; 9 in chpt 11; chpt 12 = imperatives; 1 in chpt 13; 3 in chpt 14; none in 15 or 16.

2nd: Paul's Pointed Question Demands an Answer - Rm 8:31a

1. Paul does not allow us not to answer: *what then shall we say?*
2. Some still sit unresponsive - for now.
3. Some resent the question - our day of confident skepticism.
4. Some uncertain - need to learn more: 1C2:12.
5. Confident gratitude: *God is for us!* Eph 3:16-19