

INTRODUCTION

1. Both AM & PM: shine light on Xns & "condemnation" - by men, but not God
2. Rm 8:33,34a words arranged for emphasis: contrast the 2 *who* & 2 *God's*.
v31b contrast tw/ *God* and *who*. Legal: *God* is for us - *who* is against us?

1st: God Has Elected Us in Christ

1. *God's elect*: synecdoche v29-30. Why emphasize *election*? *God's elect* epitomizes pre-conversion blessings. *Justification* [v33b-34a] epitomizes post-conversion blessings.
2. We cannot isolate 1 saving blessing from all blessings. To possess any saving blessing is to possess all saving blessings cited in v29-30. Do not isolate election [1Pt 1:10 *chosen*] - 2Ptr 1:10 [context of v5-9]. Is it obvious that we are trusting & following Christ? Why? Election.

2nd: God Has Justified Us in Christ

1. Rm 8:33-34a We are not justified in eternity past by virtue of election. Jesus must accomplish our salvation in history & we believe in history & justification is given to faith, then legal status is changed in Christ.
2. *God* is the focus *God elects; God justifies*. LBC 11:1
3. Opposite of *justification* = *condemn*. God will not tolerate a charge against His elect in His court b/c the elect are recipients of His grace in Christ: 4:25
4. We are legally loved.