

**Romans 8:33-34**  
Who Can Accuse?

*Let the accused rise ...*

I. Many Complainants

- A. Civil Court
- B. Society's Judgment
- C. Jury of Peers
- D. Courtroom of Conscience
- E. Spiritual Realms
- F. Judgment Throne

II. One Plea

- A. Guilty as Charged
- B. With a New Explanation

III. Our Defense

- A. My Justification
- B. Is In Christ Alone
- C. I Am Being Reformed

*... and throw off your shackles.*

**Children, Listen ...**

1. Will people always make us feel good about being Christians?
2. Is it important that we are honest about our sins? Why?
3. How are our sins forgiven?
4. Should this make us hate our sin even more?
5. Does the devil try to make us think that God can't really forgive sinners?

**From the Highest Court**

Many fingers can point to our guilty sinfulness, but only one assessment of our condition matters in the end. Saints safely within the bounds of God's salvation still face accusations from many quarters. Not only are we subject to scrutiny for the sins that are evident in our lives, but we are subject to the suggestion that we have never really been forgiven of our original sin to begin with. But it is God that has the final word regarding our condition and it is He that has declared his people righteous through the work of Christ. We can answer the charges leveled by the devil, the world and even our own minds with the promise of God that we are forgiven and free from sin through the merits of Jesus. There is never an excuse for sin but forgiven of our original rebellion against God in our salvation and then, while admittedly undergoing the process of sanctification, forgiven of sins that remain. We despised our former unbelief and we despise our indwelling sin, but with humility and confidence knowing that there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.