

- f. Romans 8:30b – ...*these He also justified...* The justified here include only those who have _____ in Christ.
- 1) We were justified by _____. Romans 5:1 says, “*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*”
 - 2) We were justified freely by God’s _____. Romans 3:24 says, “*Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.*” Titus 3:7
 - 3) We were justified apart from obeying the _____. Romans 3:28 says, “*For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.*”
 - 4) We were justified apart from doing good _____. Romans 4:4 says, “*But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.*” Galatians 2:16, 3:11
 - 5) We were justified by God’s amazing _____. 1 Corinthians 6:11 says, “*Such were some of you; ...but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.*”
- g. Romans 8:30c – ...*these He also glorified...* We are not yet glorified, but the word glorified is in the _____ tense because God absolutely guarantees that we will be glorified. As far as God is concerned, it’s already a done deal. Romans 8:17

D. Romans 8:31-39 – Glorification tested and proven

1. Romans 8:31a – Paul’s question #1: In response to the fact that we are predestined, called, justified, and glorified, Paul asked, “*What then shall we say to these things?* The anticipated answer is, “_____! Thank you, Lord!”
2. Romans 8:31b – Paul’s question #2: Next Paul asked, “*If God be for us, who can be against us?*” The expected answer is of course, “No _____.” Since God Himself is advocating for us, no one can successfully oppose us.
3. Romans 8:32 – Paul’s question #3: Then he asked, “*He who did not spare His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?*” If God sent His most _____ treasure to purchase our freedom while we were still in our sins, wouldn’t it seem reasonable that He would care for our daily needs now that we are His children?
4. Romans 8:33 – Paul’s question #4: *Who will bring a charge against God’s _____?* Since God is the one who legally declared us righteous, there is no one who can successfully accuse us.
5. Romans 8:34 – Paul’s question #5: _____ *is the one who condemns?*
 - a. Romans 8:34a – *Christ Jesus is He who died.* It can’t be Christ who condemns us, because Christ died to _____ for our sins, not to condemn us. John 3:17
 - b. Romans 8:34b – *Yes, rather who was raised...* It can’t be Christ who condemns us, because God showed He was satisfied with Christ’s payment when He _____ Him from the dead.

- c. Romans 8:34c – *Who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.* It can't be Christ who condemns us, because Christ sits at the place of honor at God's right hand in heaven forever mediating for us. John 3:17, Hebrews 7:25, 1 John 2:2
6. Romans 8:35 – Paul's question #6: *Who shall separate us from the _____ of Christ?* Paul gave seven potential scenarios that might cause us to feel God has forsaken us.
- Will _____ ...separate us from the love of Christ?* What if we face misfortune or some awful affliction? 2 Corinthians 4:8-11
 - Will _____ ...separate us from the love of Christ?* What if we suffer terrible calamity and have to go through evil times? 2 Corinthians 7:5-6
 - Will _____ ...separate us from the love of Christ?* What if we are hated, hunted, tortured or even killed? Acts 8:1
 - Will _____ ...separate us from the love of Christ?* What if we don't have enough to eat and suffer hunger? Acts 11:28-30
 - Will _____ ...separate us from the love of Christ?* What if we end up homeless and suffer from exposure with little or no clothing? Hebrews 11:37-38
 - Will _____ ...separate us from the love of Christ?* What if we are threatened and face untold dangers? 2 Corinthians 11:23-27
 - Will _____ ...separate us from the love of Christ?* What if we are betrayed and/or suffer a violent death? What if we are caught in a horrible war? Acts 7:58-8:2
 - Do trials like these mean God has abandoned us or stopped caring for us? Have believers ever faced any of these kinds of trials? _____, they have and do.
7. Romans 8:36 – Paul quoted Psalm 44:22 to show that these potential difficulties are real possibilities for believers: *"For your sake we are being put to death all day long; we were considered as _____ to be slaughtered."*
- The fact is, sometimes this _____ loves to slaughter Christians. In Paul's day, Nero severely persecuted and killed Christians. John 16:33
 - If some day you face death because you are a Christian, don't be tempted to suppose God has abandoned you at that moment. He will not have left you. He will still _____ you dearly. Hebrews 13:5-6
8. Romans 8:37 – *But in _____ these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.* No matter what kind of trial we may suffer, we are super-overcomers because of Christ, who loved us and died for us. Despite any potential setback or rejection, we will be glorified and live with God for all eternity. 2 Corinthians 4:18, 1 John 4:4-5
9. Romans 8:38a – *For I am convinced...* Paul faced many terrible trials. Yet through them all he never doubted God's _____ for him. Are you persuaded of the same?
10. Romans 8:38b – *...that neither death, nor life...* Paul was convinced that no sphere of existence, including death or _____, could separate him from the love of God in Christ. Romans 8:35

11. Romans 8:38c – *...nor angels, nor principalities...* No supernatural _____ can separate us from the love of God in Christ. Romans 8:35
- Is Satan included in this statement? Yes. Remember, Satan is a fallen _____.
 - Not even Satan can _____ us from the love of God.
12. Romans 8:38d – *...nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers...* No present reality or future possibility has the _____ to separate us from the love of God in Christ. Romans 8:35
- _____ can do nothing now (*present*), or even in the future (*to come*), to separate yourself from God's love.
 - What about your future sins or possible future unbelief or future doubts? What about your future setbacks or even your potential to revert to carnality? No, not even _____ negative possibilities can separate you from the love of God.
13. Romans 8:39a – *...nor height, nor depth...* No extremes of location in the cosmos, including heights or _____, can separate you from the love of God in Christ.
- Can you drift so far _____ that God's love cannot reach you? Psalm 139:7-16
 - No, not even the deepest _____ (the place of deepest trials), nor the highest height (the place where fear of falling might prevail) can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
 - Whether you are up or down as a believer, you cannot _____ yourself from the love of God. You might distance yourself from His fellowship, but never from His love.
 - In Luke 15:11-32, even the prodigal son was still a _____ when out of fellowship with his father. Even while far away, His father loved him dearly and was elated when he finally returned home.
14. Romans 8:39b – *...nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God...* No created being or created _____ can separate you from God's deep love. Ephesians 3:17-19
- Are you a created being? Yes, you are. And not even _____ can remove yourself from God's love. You might stop loving God, but God will never stop loving you!
 - Some erroneously teach that you can separate yourself from God's love by giving back His free gift of salvation. But Romans 11:29 says that *the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable*. You cannot _____ back your spiritual DNA to God and become unborn. 1 Peter 1:23
15. Romans 8:39b – *...the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord*. Because of your union with Christ, there is absolutely _____ in all Creation that can cause God to stop loving you. He would have to stop loving Jesus, and He will never do that.
- Are you as persuaded of this as the _____ who penned it? Paul said in Romans 8:38, "*For I am convinced.*" Could you confidently make this same declaration with all confidence?

- b. Truly, we are never worthy of this kind of love or of future glorification. It is all God's amazing _____ based on what Jesus did for us by dying on the cross for our sins and rising again. Thanks be to God!

XI. The Gospel Message

A. Defining the gospel

1. Romans 1:16 says, "*For I am not ashamed of the _____, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*" What is the gospel? The word *gospel* (EUAGGELION) means good news. Galatians 1:6-9
2. The gospel is the good _____ about the work God did for our salvation through Jesus Christ on a weekend in history nearly two thousand years ago. It is a message that must be believed. The four gospels give extensive explanation of that world changing event, but in brief, here are some verses that explain it.
 - a. 1 Peter 2:24a – ...*[Christ] Himself bore our _____ in His body on the cross.*
 - b. Acts 5:30 – *The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a _____.*
 - c. Acts 13:28-29 – *And though they found no ground for putting Him to death, they asked Pilate that He be executed. When they had carried out all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the cross and laid Him in a _____.*
 - d. Acts 13:30-32 – *But God raised Him from the dead; and for many days He appeared to those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, the very ones who are now His witnesses to the people. And we preach to you the good news of the _____ made to the fathers.*
 - e. The results of believing the gospel are found in Acts 13:38-39 – *Therefore, let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is _____ from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.*
3. Paul explained the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 – *For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He _____ again the third day according to the Scriptures.*
4. Concisely speaking, the message you must believe in order to be saved has to do with a particular person (Christ) and what He did on your behalf: Christ _____ for your sins and rose again.

B. The gospel is an objective message

1. The gospel is an objective message about the most important historical event that ever took place. It is the news report concerning what Jesus Christ _____: He died on the cross and rose again three days later. He did this to forgive us of our sins, save us from God's just wrath and provide us with eternal life.