**Romans Sermons, Part 31**

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**RIGHTEOUSNESS IMPARTED FOR SANCTIFICATION (6:1-8:39)**

**PREMISE:** Baptists should live out their Gospel baptism > sanctification in the assembly. Who is going to dominate in your battle with the flesh? My persuasion is to DOMINATE! We are MARRIED! > Law or Christ? One’s relationship to the Law is either Deliverance, Doom, or Defeat! Believers have the Power to live the Christian Life!

**The Power (8)**

**I. The Person (8:1-11), II. The Position (8:12-17), III. The Perspective (8:18-30), IV. The Performance (8:31-39)**

**IV. The Performance (8:31-39)**

**A. The Challenges to the Righteousness of Christ (vv. 31-36)**

 ***1. The First Question (vv. 31-32)***

a. The Assault (v. 31)

 1) What? > good: foreknow, predestinate, called, justified, glorified (vv. 28-30)

2) Who? > Satan or world? God is superior; *“for us” > huper hemon* > Rom. 5:8; 8:26, 31, 32, 34; II Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; Eph. 5:2; Heb. 6:20

 b. The Answer (v. 32)

 1) God gave Son (v. 32a) > Jn. 3:16; Gal. 4:4

 2) God gave Spiritual Blessings (v. 32b) > Indwelling Triune God (Gal. 4:6; I Jn. 2:27)

 ***2. The Second Question (v. 33)***

 a. The Assault (v. 33a) > *“charge” > egkaleo* (7x) > accuse (Abraham, Job, etc.) Heb. 11:6 ff.

 b. The Answer (v. 33b) > God justifies the elect who obtain their salvation (II Tim. 2:10)

 ***3. The Third Question (v. 34)***

 a. The Assault (v. 34a) > condemn > *katakrino* (19x) literally “to judge against” > see Rom. 2:1

 b. The Answer (v.34b)

 1) The Incarnate God > the death, burial, resurrection, and ascended Christ (Eph. 1:19 ff.)

 2) The Interceding God > Rom. 8:26, 27, 34; Heb. 7:25

 ***4. The Fourth Question (vv. 35-36)***

 a. The Assault (v. 35) > Separation? *chorizo* (13x) > Lord separated from sinners! > Heb. 7:26

 1) Separation by Tribulation > *thlipsis* (45x) > Acts 11:19; 14:22; 20:23; I Thes. 3:1-4

2) Separation by Distress > *stenochoria* (4x) > literally narrow place > I Sam. 23:26; II Cor. 12:10!

 3) Separation by Persecution > *diogmos* (10x) > Acts 13:50

 4) Separation by Famine > *limos* (12x) > II Cor. 11:27

 5) Separation by Nakedness > *gumnotes* (3x) > II Cor. 11:27

 6) Separation by Peril > *kindunos* (9x) > II Cor. 11:26

 7) Separation by Sword > *machaira* (29x) Acts 16:27

 b. The Answer (v. 36) > Scripture!

1) The Source > *gegraptai >* has been and still is written > Ps. 44:22

 2) The Slaughter > *sphage* (3x) “cut throat” > Acts 8:32; Jam. 5:5; see I Jn. 3:12

**B. The Conquerors in the Righteousness of Christ (v. 37)**

 ***1. The Extent of Conquering (v. 37a)*** > all these things

 ***2. The Extreme in Conquering (v. 37b)***

 a. The Might > *hupernikao* (1x) > super-victorious (cf. also I Jn. 5:1, 4)

 b. The Means > the love of Christ > Eph. 2:4; 3:17-21

**C. The Convictions for the Righteousness of Christ (vv. 38-39)**

 ***1. The Persuasion (v. 38a)*** > *peitho* (55x)

 ***2. The Problems (vv. 38b-39a)***

a. death > *thantos* (119x)

b. life > *zoe* (134x)

c. angels > *angelos* (186x)

d. principalities > *arche* (58x)

e. powers > *dunamis* (120x)

f. things present > *enistemi* (7x)

g. things to come > *mello* (110x)

h. height > *hupsoma* (2x)

i. depth > *bathos* (9x)

j. any other creature > *ktisis* (19x)

 ***3. The Provision (v. 39b)*** > the Love of God > SOS 8:7

**CONCLUSION:**