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DAILY DEVOTION

OUR CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

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Romans 8:31 (NLT)

"What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?" Nothing creates greater confidence in our lives than knowing that God is for us! When we are secure in Christ, knowing who He is and who we are in Him, we are free to be all God wants us to be and do all God has called us to do. This is the message of Romans 8.

It begins in verse one with the declaration that "there is NOW NO CONDENMATION for those who are in Christ Jesus!"

Verse two tells us why – "because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death." The law can no longer condemn us because we share the righteousness of Jesus Christ by faith in Him. But that's not all, because of the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we are no longer captive to sin's power. We are set free to live for God! And because of God's unfailing love, we can never be separated from Him! This is the security we have in Christ!

What does this mean for us today? It means we no longer need to fear our past failures, our present problems, or an uncertain future. We are secure in Christ! "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31 (NIV).

In this chapter, we see that the entire Godhead—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is for us.

Romans 8:32 NKJ

[32]He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Verse 34 tells us that God the Son is for us because He died and rose again and now prays for us at the right hand of God the Father! "Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." (NIV).

Verse 26 tells us that God the Holy Spirit is for us, coming to our aid when we are weak and confused. "And in the same way ... the Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don't even know what we should pray for nor how to pray as we should, but the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words." (TLB).

No wonder Paul begins this passage by asking, "What shall we say about such wonderful things as these?" Read the entire chapter and make your declaration of freedom in Christ today! Don't live another moment in self-imposed condemnation! God is for you! And if God is for you, who can be against you? Even when circumstances seem against you, verse 28 assures the Christ follower with this promise: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (NIV).

PRAYER: God I thank You because you are for me, I don't need to fear the past, present, or future! Even when I must go through the trials of life, I can rest in the assurance that God is for me, and nothing can separate me from His love. This is my confidence in Christ!