

What Do You Say to These Things?

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When heard, the gospel of God takes hold of heart, mind and purpose.

Romans 8 ^{31a} What then shall we say to these things?

Have you heard the gospel of God with your heart?

ONE: What does your heart say?

Have you heard the gospel of God with your mind?

TWO: What does your head say?

^{31b} If God is for us, who can be against us?

³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

³⁴ Who is to condemn?

Have you heard the gospel of God and changed your purpose?

THREE: What does your life say?

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Romans 8 ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

A Prayer to Search for Truth:

Lord Jesus Christ, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life (*John 14.6*). Grant that the cost of following you might not hinder me from considering the reasons I should. If your claims are true, nothing rivals your words. Guide, teach, and open to me who you are. Give me coherent and convincing understanding that satisfies my deepest needs. Lead me toward the everlasting life with you and your people that you promise (*1 John 1.1-4*). *Amen.*

Crying Out to God for New Life:

Lord Jesus Christ, I am weaker, more rebellious toward God, than I've ever admitted. Yet, you offer acceptance greater than I've ever dared to hope. I admit my need for a new kind of life only your resurrection can give. Thank you for making peace with your Father possible. You paid my sin's debt on your cross. You took the judgment I deserved; you offer forgiveness and fellowship. Believing you've been raised from the dead, I turn to seek my deepest satisfactions in you. I accept you as God and Ruler. I receive you as Savior and Life. Needing you always, today I begin to rest upon you for forgiveness, for growth in trusting, for love toward neighbors. Increase my longing for the new creation you'll complete when you return. *Amen.*