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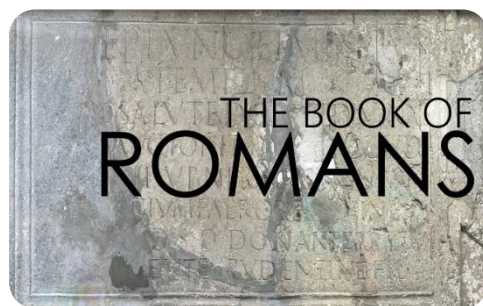
³³ **Who will lay anything to the charge of God's elect?** /

Paul asks a great question. In Greek, it is only 4 words:

tis egkaleo theos ekleto; this question could read:

Who accuses God's elect? Or,

Who incriminates God's chosen?



And the answer is: **Not God!** God is in the business of saving.

Having largely put forth the mystery of God's love in Christ, it is as

if Paul throws down the gauntlet... and made the challenge daring the enemies of God... to do their worst – Matthew Henry.

Who is going to call into question God's elect? God is already busy... **foreknowing**... and **predetermining**... **calling**, and **justifying**... and someday, **glorifying** those He makes in His image.

Who incriminates God's chosen? Not God! Wrong person... He is not the accuser of our soul.

For a second time, Paul says...

God justifies / He is judicially making things right for His people. He's already got a handful to do.

And Paul asks another question...

³⁴ **Who is he that condemns?**

not the Spirit, He is helping; not God, He is justifying

Who is he that condemns? / some might ask, **Well, how about Christ?** Wrong person! He was condemned by the religious people. Lucky Him, He paid the terrible price to Substitute for us. So, He did all that; and now, He's going to condemn us? **No!**

Paul says... **It is Christ who died,**

yes rather, who arose again,

who is even at the right hand of God,

who also makes intercession for us / to help us -- thank God!

Christ is doing what the Holy Spirit is doing; they are on the same team;

³⁵ **Who will separate us from the love of Christ?**

not God the Father; that is why He sent His Son; **not the Spirit**, who came to help us in our weakness; **not the Christ**, He's making intercession for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? / no matter how dismal and dark things get, Paul asks:

will tribulation, or distress,

or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶ **As it is written, For your sake** we are killed all day long / we are hated, and considered as good as dead; by those who despise this good news; and frankly, not a day since these words were first penned... has anything changed in the persecuted church world;

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we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter / Paul asks, will these pressures... and narrowing and squeezing... and dangers... will these things separate us from the love of Christ?

³⁷ **NO!**

in all these things we are more than conquerors / we are: **huper-nikao**. There is no question about our victory. There is no doubt! We won!

through Him who loved us / and gave Himself for us; through His love, we are victorious.

Paul says...

³⁸ **For I am persuaded** / I am convinced; I am thoroughly confident... and at peace in my heart,

neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor powers, nor things present,

nor things to come / what is now at hand; whatever might come... whatever should come,

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And Paul continues...

³⁹ **nor height, nor depth,**

nor any other created thing / whatever the future holds.

What is Paul saying? With such a terrible price that was paid, Jesus Christ substituting His life for us;

Paul says,

whatever you can think of; whatever you might wonder, or doubt... or fear: **put it on the list!**

Paul didn't have time to tell us all the things that came to his mind

He was in a hurry to tell us...

Nothing... **will be able** / nothing has the power,

to separate us

from the love of God,

which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Where Your Heart Is