

SUPER-CONQUERORS

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ROM. 8:37

INTRODUCTION: Romans was Paul's greatest work and considered a literary masterpiece. The theme is salvation for Jew and Gentile and righteousness by faith. If there was a chapter hall of fame, Romans 8 would be enshrined in it.

- Every believer is called to be a saint, consecrated, holy. **ROM. 1:6-7**
- The gospel is God's power to save. **ROM. 1:16-17**
- Man is without excuse. **ROM. 1:18-21**
- A Jew is one inwardly. **ROM. 2:28-29**
- The law saves no one. **ROM. 3:19-20**
- Righteousness comes by faith. **ROM. 3:27-28**
- Sin has no dominion over believers. **ROM. 6:14**
- The Christian life has challenges. **ROM. 7:24-25**
- There's no condemnation when challenged. **ROM. 8:1-2** We may struggle, fall, stumble, get tripped up, but we're not condemned.

FIVE QUESTIONS ASKED BY PAUL

1. If God be for us who can be against us? **ROM. 8:31**
 - A. God is not against us or even neutral toward us. He's for us.
 - B. What enemy can stand against us? Satan? No, Jesus defeated him. The world? No, Jesus overcame it. The flesh? No, it's crucified.
2. Will God withhold anything from us? **ROM. 8:32**
 - A. He gave us the greater (Jesus), why withhold the lesser (a job, food, water, protection, strength, healing, answers to prayers)?
 - B. If you bought a diamond ring would the jeweler deny you a box?
3. Who can accuse us before God? **ROM 8:33**
 - A. Can anyone bring a charge against us and make it stick?
 - B. The judge of the universe has declared us not guilty.
 - C. Satan can't because we're constantly cleansed by the blood.
4. Who can condemn us? **ROM. 8:34**
 - A. In this world there are many critics and judges who like to point the finger and condemn us for our shortcomings.
 - B. They can't because Jesus died, has risen, is seated and now intercedes for us. He's our advocate whose blood speaks for us and pleads our case.
5. Who or what can separate us from God's love? **ROM. 8:35-39**
 - A. Paul names seventeen things: tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword, death, life, angels, principalities, powers, present things, future things, height, depth, or any other creature.
 - B. In all these things we are "more than conquerors."
 - "More than" comes from the Greek word *Huper*. It means above and beyond, superior to, dominant, unequalled. It carries the idea of superiority.
 - "Conquerors" comes from the Greek word *Nikos*. It means champion, victor, overcomer or master.
 - *Hupernikos* means super-conquerors, superior-overcomers or more than a match than any foe.

CONCLUSION: God wants us to see ourselves as He sees us in Christ not as someone with an inferior self-image bound by a sense of insecurity, but as more than conquerors who know God is for us and will help us overcome any challenge life brings our way.