

ROMANS 8:31

If is one of the bibles most important words. It’s the little big word.

- It speaks directly to our responsibility to God.
 - It reveals a condition, requirement or stipulation.
 - It introduces questions that need answered.
1. Our responsibility to God. **JOHN 14:21-24** If you love me:
 - A. Read about Him. **MATTHEW 4:23-24**
 - B. Hear about Him. **JOHN 12:18** What better place to hear about Jesus than here? **PSALMS 122:1**
 - Every department should be devoted to getting people to fall in love with Jesus.
 - C. Worship Him. **REVELATION 5:8-9**
 - D. Serve Him. **MATTHEW 6:24, PSALMS 100:1-5**
 - E. Imitate Him. **EPHESIANS 5:1 (NLT)**
 2. Conditions, requirements and stipulations.
 - A. If and hearing. **MARK 4:23-25**
 - B. If and obedience. **EXODUS 23:20-22; DEUTERONOMY 28:1-2, 15; ISAIAH 1:18-20, EXODUS 15:26**
 - C. If and the heart. **DEUTERONOMY 4:29; 1 JOHN 3:18-22**
 - D. If and faith. **MATTHEW 17:20; MARK 9:19-23** Jesus used if many times. When He did, He always put the if on man’s side, not God’s. This man put the if on God’s side, and Jesus corrected Him. Religion puts the if on God’s side which eliminates man’s responsibility. **JOHN 15:7; GALATIANS 6:9; 1 JOHN 5:14-15**
 - **PSALMS 128:1-4** – If God wanted us to have more children was changed to God wants us to have more children. If we both believe, it will happen!
 3. Questions that need answered. **ROMANS 8:31**
 - A. This chapter is packed with spiritual truths. Paul emphasizes what God has done for us in Christ, then throws out the question – If God be for us, who can be against us?
 - B. There are many forces opposing believers today, but nothing can overthrow us if God is for us. **JEREMIAH 1:18-19 (NIV)**
 - Condemnation – **ROMANS 8:1**
 - Sin – **V2**
 - Flesh – **V8**
 - Suffering – **V18**
 - Decay – **V21 (NIV)**
 - Impatience – **V23**
 - Weaknesses – **V26**
 - C. Answering the if of **ROMANS 8:21**. We know that God is for us because:
 - He gave us His Son. **ROMANS 8:31**, We know that God is for us because:
 - He dealt with our sin. **ROMANS 8:1-3, 33-34** Apart from Christ we’re all condemned. **JOHN 3:17-18; 5:24 (AMPC)**
 - He gave us His Spirit: To indwell us, **ROMANS 8:9**; to give us life, **V10**; to quicken us, **V11 23**; to mortify the flesh, **V13**; to guide us, **V14**; to give us assurance, **V16**; to help us, **V26**.
 - He adopted us and made us joint heirs with Jesus, **ROMANS 8:15-17**.
 - He conformed us to the image of Jesus. **ROMANS 8:29-30**
 - He made us more than conquerors over every force that can oppose us. **ROMANS 8:35-39**

CONCLUSION:

God is for us and nothing in time or eternity, in heaven or earth, can separate us from His love or from what He’s done for us – no force of evil, or demon from darkness. God is for us are we for Him?