

## IS GOD FOR YOU?

### Romans 8:31

**Introduction:** If God is for you, does it matter if anybody else be against you? Who is to bring anything against you that matters if God is for you? Sin can't because if God is for you, you have already been justified in the eyes of God and your sins have been removed. God won't because He is the one that pardoned you and the one who justified you. Jesus won't because He died for you. Not some external evil such as tribulations, anguish, persecution, famine or nakedness. If God is for you, you have nothing to fear from life or death or evil supernatural beings or the present or the future or the dizzy heights or the darkest depths or any other creature of God or Satan. If God be for you, who can be against you that matters? So the question now is, "is God for you?"

### I. WHO IS GOD AGAINST?

1. First of all God is against Satan and all that he stands for.
  - Satan tried to overthrow God from His throne and he lost. God then cast Satan and his followers out of heaven (*Revelation 12:7-9*)
  - Look around, read the papers, listen to the radio, watch t.v., the devil is in control of everything on this earth except God's few Christians.
  - If a thing is not of God, then it is evil and God is against it.
  
2. God is against all unbelievers.
  - *John 3:18; 36*
  - *1 John 5:10*
  - If one has to be either for God or against God, then the same is true that either God is for you or He is against you. There is no neutral ground. If you are not a child of God, then you are a child of the devil and you are doomed this very moment.
  
3. Of all those whom Jesus preached against, the HYPOCRITES were the most preached against people. God cannot tolerate a hypocrite.
  - *Psalm 5:9 Titus 1:16*
  - *Matthew 7:21-23 Matthew 15:7-9*
  
4. God is greatly disappointed in His followers who:
  - refuse to attend Church services
  - refuse to tithe
  - refuse to visit
  - refuse to take part in God's work.
  - Too many are willing to receive from God all that He will give them, but are unwilling to give anything back to God. They are content to be Christian in name only.
  - God is against this type of Church member.

## II. WHO IS GOD FOR?

1. There is really only one kind of person God is for and that is the person who believes in His Son, Jesus. (***John 3:16***)
  - God is for the person who has trusted Jesus as his/her Savior.
  - God is for the person who has said, "Lord, take my life, take my family, take my property, take my money, take everything I have, I place myself into your hands..."
  - This is the only type of person that God is for.
2. If you have trusted Jesus Christ as Savior then there are several things that you as a Christian should be doing:
  - You will be showing your love in deed and in truth as John wrote in ***1 John 3:18***.
  - You will be showing your love to your Christian brothers and sisters, ***1 John 4:20***.
  - You will be showing your love for God through your regular Church attendance.
  - You will be showing your love for God by being willing to be used in whatever position God would want you to do.
  - You will be showing your love and compassion for the lost.
  - Yes, if you love God, then He is for you. If you love God, you will be bearing fruit for Him.
  - God is for you IF you have trusted Jesus Christ and have given Him control of EVERYTHING in your life. You must have surrendered everything in order to be useful for God.

## III. WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE GOD IS NOT FOR?

1. While they are living on this earth they are under the wrath of God and are His condemnation.
  - ***Mark 16:16 - John 3:18***
  - There are many, many more references that show that if one is not a Christian, God and all His wrath is against the person.
  - If the unbeliever is under the wrath of God even while he/she walks this earth in his/her life.
2. While on this earth, the unbeliever is under the power of Satan.
  - His/her life is controlled by Satan.
  - His/her thoughts are controlled by Satan.
  - His/her desires are controlled by Satan.
  - His/her motives are controlled by Satan.
  - There is not a single thing about the unbeliever that is not controlled by Satan.
3. Upon the death of the unbeliever, he/she is sent to Hell to be tormented forever.
  - Since the unbeliever lived for the Devil while on this earth, he/she will be cast into the eternal destruction and torment with the Devil.
  - ***Psalm 9:17 - Matthew 25:41-46 - Revelation 20:12-15; 21:8***
4. A word to the hypocrites, God's wrath for those who profess to be Christians and have never really given Jesus Christ their complete trust, their punishment will be greater.
  - ***Matthew 10:15; 11:24; 25:41-43 - Luke 13:24-27 - Hebrews 6:4-6***

#### IV. WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHOM GOD IS FOR?

1. First of all those who have trusted Jesus Christ are reunited in fellowship with God and sins are removed.
  - *Galatians 4:4-5* - They have been redeemed.
  - *Titus 2:14* - They have been reinstated.
2. Second, all those God is for have been give everlasting life.
  - *John 3:16, 36; 6:47* - *1 John 2:25*
3. Those favored by God are made joint heirs of God's kingdom because they have become sons and daughters, part of the great family of God.
  - *Romans 8:17* - *Galatians 3:29; 4:7* - *Titus 3:7* - *James 2:5*
4. Those whom God is for are given homes in heaven.
  - *Matthew 25:34* - *John 14:2-3* - *2 Corinthians 5:1*
5. While still living on this earth, the faithful Christians are protected from Satan and blessed by God.
  - *Psalms 5:12; 41:1-2; 112:2* - *Philippians 4:19*
6. Yes, those who have trusted Jesus Christ, who have given Him complete control of their lives are:
  - brought back into the accepted presence of God, are given everlasting life which will be spent in heaven in a home made by God, Himself, to be a part of the very family of God and while they are still on this earth, they are protected by God from Satan and are blessed.

#### CONCLUSION:

1. If you are a church member and realize that you have never really given your life totally to Jesus, then God says you are a HYPOCRITE and you will receive greater punishment than those who have never heard the gospel.
2. What is the reasonable thing to do, have God for you or have God against you?
3. If you are not a Christian, have never believed, trusted in Jesus Christ, then God is against you.
4. If God is against you, don't you think that you had better get God for you?
5. Christian, God is for you! God will take care of you here, now, and throughout all eternity.