

JUST WHO IS GOD WITH?

Romans 8:31

Introduction: There have been crusades fought through the centuries (1100 - 1300 A.D.) involving countries like England, the Arabs, the Turks, the French, and others and the crusades were also called "Holy Wars." Each nation (country) called upon the same "God" to help them win their battles, thus "Holy Wars." Whose side was God on? The winning side? Was God not with the losing side? Why would God be for or against either side?

We see the same thing in American sports. Opponents often offer a prayer to God before, during and after a contest. A football player makes a touchdown and he drops to his knees and points upward, "thanking" God for the touchdown. Was God involved in his making the touchdown? Whose side will God be on if both teams form a circle and pray to the same God?

- "...*IF God be for us, who can be against us?*" Just who is God for? Apparently God is not for everybody. So, just who is God with/for?

I. HOW IS GOD FOR ANYBODY?

1. God has predestinated all believers to be like His Son, Jesus Christ.
 - IF God says....who shall repeal His Word?
 - God "spoke" and the world was created. God acted on behalf of Israel through Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua in providing food, protection, health, etc.
 - Whatever God decrees, commands, it is so.
 - IF a person's name is in God's Book of Life, no power can erase it.
2. God has called the Christian.
 - God called Abraham, assuring him that he would be taken care of and he had a great future.
 - God called the nation, Israel, out of Egypt to a promised land and got them there.
 - God calls each Christian and promises to be with him/her throughout his/her life here on earth and has a home awaiting him/her in Heaven when life here is over.
3. God has justified the Christian.
 - God has declared the believer/Christian righteous because of His Son's righteousness.
 - The righteousness of Jesus Christ is like a robe covering the believer.
 - As God looks at the Christian/believer, He sees His Son, Jesus.
 - When God looks at the Christian/believer, there is no anger, no wrath, only love.
 - It matters not who condemns a Christian/believer IF God has acquitted him/her of sin.
4. God has glorified the Christian.
 - **Romans 8:30**
 - **Matthew 25:34**
 - Every Christian/believer has a robe, a crown, a mansion, a place in Heaven and there will be no "empty chair" at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, all of God's Children will be there.

II. WHO IS AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN?

1. Unbelieving mankind is against God's Children, the Christians/believers.
 - All through history there are accounts of God's Children being persecuted by unbelieving mankind and have been imprisoned, tortured, and killed in every imaginable way.
 - Today there are laws that keep Christians physically safe to a degree, but mankind continues to use the tongue to misrepresent, to slander, to abuse, to persecute, to ridicule the Christian.
 - *Matthew 10:16* prepares the Christian to expect violent treatment from unbelievers.

2. The whole world is against the Christian.
 - The world is like a field of bushes, brambles, briars and the Christian must make his/her way through it day by day.
 - The world tries to draw Christians away through prosperity, popularity, and temptations.
 - The world is a sleepless enemy to the Christian and every Christian must expect to receive wounds during his/her lifetime.
 - No matter how bad the world treats the Christian, he/she is never alone for God is there.

3. The flesh is against the Christian.
 - The worst enemy of all against the Christian is the flesh for there would be no need to fear anything or anybody else if not for the flesh.
 - Paul cried out how he wanted to do what God wanted but his flesh/body was weak and he would often fail. Every Christian dreams of always doing God's will, but every Christian fails from time to time as Paul did.
 - Every Christian has fleshly troubles for there is the temper, pride, ego, sexual desires.
 - Yet, despite all the weaknesses of the flesh, the Christian shall ascend into Heaven and be without fault in the eyes of God.

4. Satan/the devil is against the Christian.
 - The devil uses the flesh of the Christian to draw him/her away.
 - Satan is a master, far above the Christian in intelligence and experience and knows every weak place in the life of every Christian and can therefore set traps and temptations for every Christian.
 - The wonderful thing about all this is, is that Satan is limited but our God is not.

III. WHO IS NOT AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN?

1. God, the Father is not against the Christian for the Christian is a Child of God and God will never cast away those that He chose, adopted, indwelt and has given eternal life.
 - There is not a single word in God's Bible against the Christian.
 - There will be things happen to the Christian, but God's hate and anger will never be among the things that a Christian will face.

2. Jesus, the Son of God is not against the Christian, for it was for the Christian/believer that He died on the cross.
 - Before Pilate Jesus stood, then carried a cross, was nailed on the cross, all for those who would believe in Him and entrust their very souls to Him.
 - Jesus Christ cannot be against the very ones He died for and He will never leave the Christian.
 - How could a Christian ever doubt Jesus' love for him/her?

3. The Holy Spirit is not against the Christian for He indwells every single believer in Jesus Christ.
 - The Holy Spirit gives eternal life, seals, equips, enables every Christian to do what God the Father wants each Christian to do with his/her life on earth.
 - The Holy Spirit will one day present every single Christian to God the Father, safe.

CONCLUSION:

1. Consider the opposite question: "If God be against you, who can be for you?" What then happens to you?

2. IF God is for you (is He?), then are you for God?
 - *"...If the Lord be God, follow Him, but if Baal, then follow him..."*
 - Every human being is on one side or the other, there is no middle area.
 - If God is for you, then stand up for Him.
 - If God is NOT for you, He wants to be but there is only one way He will be and that is by you believing in His Son, Jesus Christ.

3. So, Just who is God with? The one who believes in His Son, Jesus Christ and nobody else.