

ROMANS 8:32 PART 1

REVIEW:

- 1) vs. 31 What then shall we say to these things? 2) If God be for us?
- 3) Who can be against us? 4) vs. 32, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 5) vs. 33; Who shall bring a charge? 6) Vs. 34 Who *is* he who condemns? 7) vs. 35, Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

INTRO: READ VS 28-39

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

- In verse 32 we come to the 4th question. "how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"
- Paul here continues to answer the questions of God's love for the redeemed. Will He change His mind, will He change His heart?
- will God's love for us as well as His commitment and care for us lessen or weaken or finally cease all together?
- If God's love is not certain, immutable we are all on shaky ground. We live in uncertainty and insecurity in all things that pertain to this life and the life to come. We are totally insecure and vulnerable.
- How our circumstances would move us and cause us to doubt, fret, fail and fall.
- The argument Paul is making here is one that moves from the greatest to the least.
- In other words, if God had given His Best, His most precious, His most costly gift,
- Certainly any of His other gifts to us would be of lesser cost, value, and the certainly any other needs regarding our redemption He would freely give.
- Reading this verse I had to ask myself several questions;
 - What does "He spared not" mean? What does "His own Son" mean?
 - What does "delivered Him up" mean? Who is the "for us all."
 - What does "with Him" mean? What does "freely give us all things" mean?
- Now before we get into this, I want you to hear the words of one of the greatest preachers in the 20th century, he is known to those who knew him as the "doctor"

- So, in the words of MLJ, "Lay hold of every word here, do not yield anything, not a single letter if you would see something of the glory, if you want to know something of the love of God.
- If you would have an unshakable assurance, hold on to every detail, every word, every letter.
- Learn to view your salvation in terms of the mind and eternal purposes of God."

1) HE SPARED NOT:

- The first declaration of Paul is that, what was happening on the cross of calvary was the action of God! It was He that spared not.
- Though God used the agency of men, men inspired by satan and self, it was the Father Himself that orchestrated it all.
 - Acts 2:23, Acts 4:27-28, Isa. 53:4, 6, 10, Jn. 19:11, 2 Cor. 5:21.
- To not spare here refers to; not sparing suffering inflicted, as seen in the verses just read.
- The word is used 10X, let's look at 2 Peter 2:4-5.
- Parents often spare their children when they do not exercise or inflict the proper measure of discipline or correction due to them.
- Weak judge's spare criminals when they release them or not pronounce or carry out a just sentence equal to the crime committed.
- Here the Father did not spare His Son, but on Him He laid the full weight, the full sentence of the holy law.
- Nothing lessened or held back.
 - Isa. 53:10, Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief.
When You make His soul an offering for sin,
- There was not mitigation, no alleviation of the stroke. Judgment was dispensed, carried out upon the Son with unrelieved intensity. (Murray)
- There is a word in the phrase, He spared not, that is missing, in our translations, it is a word of emphasis, it is the word "indeed" or surely; He that "indeed" or "surely" spared not.
- Also, this word, "spared" is the exact word the translators of the Greek O. T. used when creating the Septuagint, in Gen. 22:16. The word there is translated "withheld." But here translated "spared."
- Paul uses it again in Acts 20:29; For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.
- The Father did not hold anything back that was a necessary part of the process of our justification and in saving us.

- **Everything that was essential for our salvation and necessary for God to righteously forgive a guilty people came upon His Son.**
- **He did not spare Him any suffering that was demanded by the righteousness of God or His law.**
- **We must also notice that with the sentence laid upon the Son, there was no suspension of the relation between the Godhead, which is hinted at by the title, "His own Son." There was not suspension of love.**
- **It is with these 2 opposites, the converging of these 2 incompatible facts, the love relationship on the one hand and the "not sparing" on the other that arrests Paul's mind and heart, as well as it should ours.**
 - **Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed. Ps. 85:10**
- **To His own Son He spared not, but to His adopted sons He freely gave.**
- **From this Paul takes the argument that since God already has given His best, His only son to death for us, He cannot will not refuse to do for us anything else that is necessary in our spiritual life.**