

ROMANS 8:32 PART 2

REVIEW:

- In verse 32 we come to the 4th question of the 7, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?
- Paul here continues to answer the questions of God's steadfast 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?

INTRO: READ VS 31-33

- There are 2 circumstances calculated to cause distrust in the believer's mind regarding God's unfailing and eternal love for His children.
 - 1) Afflictions which press in upon us in this world, both such as are common to all men, and such that are unique to the followers of Christ.
 - 2) The second circumstance which clouds and dims the hope of the Christian is the sins of which he is guilty.
- When suffering so many troubles and failings, one has difficulty believing that he is favored by God, and like Gideon protesting to the angel, "oh my Lord if the LORD be with us why has all this befallen us?"
- But if God did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all; no stronger proof or argument can be offered as evidence of His unending favor and love toward us.

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.
- There was no mitigation, no alleviation of the stroke. Judgment was dispensed, carried out upon the Son with unrelieved intensity. (Murray)
- The Father did not hold anything back that was a necessary part of the process of His justification in forgiving sinful man, or our justification.
- To His own Son He spared not, but to His adopted sons He freely gives.

2) HIS OWN SON:

- We are sons of God by adoption; He is the Son of God by eternal generation.
- His own Son, meaning that there is no other son or person who stands in this same unique relationship to the Father.
 - Heb. 1:3, who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person,
- What Paul says is that Jesus alone is His Own Son. Not created, not adopted like we, He is the Son of God from eternity.
- **Begotten**: It does not mean created.
- It is the GK word meaning one of a kind, unique, only one of his kind.
- Begotten means sharing the same nature as the one who begets.

- The emphasis is on the shared nature, of the same nature.
 - **Col. 1:19, 2:9, Phil. 2:6.**
- It was not a mere man that God was not sparing on calvary's cross, it was not even an adopted son, it was "his own coequal Son."
- Paul's argument loses its convictions and power to convince or to comfort us unless we truly realize the immensity of who it was that God did not spare on the cross.
- He who shares of the Father's divine eternal nature with the Holy spirit. True God of True God, the Second Person of the Trinity.

3) **DELIVERED HIM UP:**

- What did the Father do to secure our eternal salvation? He delivered Him up.
- **DELIVER**: To give over, to give into the hands of another, to hand over.
- See the same word used in Mt. 27:26;
 - Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *Him* to be crucified.
- God did not only not spare, but He delivered Him up.
- What do I really know and understand of what it meant for God to deliver His Son up?
- What was the cost to the heart of the Father and the Son?
- His cry from the cross, "my God, my God why have you "**forsaken**" me?" (to be left behind, to be abandoned.) Mt. 27:46
- He made Him to be sin for us. 2 Cor. 5:21
- Gal. 3:13, He was made a curse for us. Cursed is everyone who hangs on the tree.
- Again, who delivered Jesus up to die? Not judas, not Pilate, not the Jews, but it was the Father.
- God's Darling, the Darling of heaven given up by the Father to the power of the dogs.
- It was a delivering up by the Father to the onslaught of satan, (Job)
- In Lk. 22:53 Jesus said, "this is your hour and the power of darkness.
 - **PS. 22:12, 13, 16.**
- Jesus was delivered up to bear the full weight of the wrath of a Holy God, He was delivered up to bear the full penalty of God's holy law. Relook at **Isa. 53**: let these tremendous truths sink into our hearts.
- **Delivered Him up FOR** us. The word "for" here is the word "on behalf of." It was on our behalf that Jesus bore our sins in His body on the tree. (1 Peter. 2:24)
- God did not for-go the penalty nor forget our sin, or just pass over the judgment due our offences, but laid payment in full on the holy Substitute.
- God delivered Him up instead of us. Delivered Him to our punishment. Bore God's wrath instead of us.

- When giving Jesus, God in a sense improvise heaven itself because it would deprive heaven of much of its chief glory. He momentarily laid aside His glory that we may be clothed with glory.

4) FOR US ALL:

- This was all done for us, (see us, twice used in this verse.) Who are the us? Let the context define.
 - See 1:7, 8:28-30, the same "us" as vs. 31.
- In vs 33 the elect, in vs 34 those Christ intercedes for. And in vs 35,39, those who cannot be separated from the love of God.
- They are the blood bought bride of Christ, the church,
- And all the church is equal in His love, yes all in the church He has equal love for, and for all of them He paid an equal price.
- Think not that you are not valuable or precious to Him, He spared not His only Son and delivered Him up for us all.
- Gethsemane and calvary can only be viewed and understood properly when it is viewed vicariously.
- That is one suffering in the place of another, His church
- In the heart and mind of the Father and the Son, each of His people were seen individually, in our total uniqueness.
- He did not save us in a mass, that is in a large lump, but He saw each of us individually and consciously placed each of us in Christ on the cross.

5) WITH HIM:

- We must also notice that this giving is with Him, with Jesus we receive all things, without Christ we have nothing.
- He gave the Greatest, surely, He will freely give the lesser.
- All we receive from the Father is with Christ, it comes to us in Christ. When He gave Jesus, He gave us all things with Him.
 - 1 Cor. 3:21-23. All things are yours...
- For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. 2 Cor. 1:20

6) FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS:

- Paul here argues that since God has done or given the greatest gift, He will not withhold anything that is lesser.
- Freely: To show favor, to grant, within this GK word we find the word "grace or graciously conferred.
- God freely gave His best, His most costly, nothing could He have given that was more valuable and dear to Him than His own Son, and Him He gave freely. No one made God give Jesus, no one twisted His arm.
- I would like to add that Jesus came freely also, He did not come kicking or screaming, or whining but willingly
 - Heb. 12:2 For the joy that was set before Him.

- The same God who spared not His own Son, is the same God who freely gives all things.
- He spared not His Son in judgment; He spares not His adopted sons in freely giving.
- Though there was nothing in us to recommend God to give up His Son, but to see that He gave Him freely really shows the love of God for us.
- We were enemies, alienated in our minds by wicked works, children of wrath, yet He freely gave.
- When we were God's enemy, He freely gave His most costly and precious gift, His only son, certainly now being reconciled, adopted children of the most High God, how shall He not freely give us every lesser gift?
- What does this generosity and extravagance of God's giving of His Son say of the loving nature and character of God.
- Its depths, its resolve to love, what warm, welcoming, tender, settling, forgiving and loving nature is our God.
- If I am a child of God, oh how He loves me, loves unwaveringly to the extreme and sacrificial levels we are not able to fathom.
 - For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind, and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.
- The "ALL THINGS" see vs 28 "all things," & all things necessary to bring us to an ultimate conformity to the image of His Son. Phil. 1:6
- God may not give us all that we want, but He does give us all we need.

CONCLUSION:

- The main purpose and thought in this verse and the others is to show and convince and settle the saints on the fact that the Father's love toward His children is unwavering, unchanging.
- This verse is more than God answering our needs, but is foundational and reveals the unending love of God for us.
- The chief proof that God is for us, the greatest exhibition of the love of the Father for us is the giving over of His only Son unto death on our behalf.
 - 1 Jn. 4:10, In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.
- The gift and giving of His only Begotten Son, so freely given and yet with great pain, given unreservedly, is the security and the channel of every other mercy.
- Finally, what this verse teaches here is our guarantee of what God will still do for me.
- May we all proclaim thanks *be* to God for His indescribable gift! 2 Cor. 9:15

Read Octavius Winslow; pg. 362-363