

ROMANS 8:33 NO CHARGE

REVIEW: *Encouragement for the race.* 7 Questions which answers encourage.

INTRO: The greatest problem in human history is summed up by Job 9:2, how can a man be righteous before God?

- How is it possible that fallen man can be accepted before a holy God?
- Israel was afraid to approach the mountain of God that smoked and thundered with the voice of God.
- Moses had to be hidden in the cleft of a rock.
- Jesus' 3 closest disciples were terrified and stricken in the presence of the transfigured Christ.
- John on Patmos fell at His feet as dead.
- The earth and the heavens fled away at the sight of the face of God.
- Even the stars are not pure in His sight. (Job. 25: 5-6)
- The apostle John declares in 1 Jn. 1:8 "if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- How is it that man can, I can stand accepted in His presence?
- The answer we know is found in the righteousness of Christ which is reckoned as ours through faith in Christ's death, propitiation, justification.
- This great revelation transformed the pharisee and man hunter, Saul of Tarsus into the apostle and bond servant of God and His church.
- This truth led Paul, by the Spirit, to declare that if man or even angels preach any other gospel, let them be accursed. (Gal. 1:8)

CHARGE: **Read vs. 28-33**

- Vs. 33 here we have the 5th of the 7 questions; "Who shall bring anything to the charge of God's elect?"
- This verse depicts a courtroom scene. That is its setting.
- Now continuing on from vs. 32 where we are assured that with the giving of His Son, Jesus, God would surely give us all things.
- The first thing we see freely given is a verdict of "no charge," acquittal, Justification, righteousness.
- This again is a court room picture, where any and all accusers, including Satan, vainly appear and their accusations and slanders are forever overturned.
- Who shall bring a "**CHARGE**" = to come forward as an accuser.
- No accusation, no charge no prosecution will succeed if God Who is the great and final Judge clothes us with the righteousness of Christ.
- Praise God, the devil's accusations will be finally dealt with.
 - (**Rev. 12:10**)

ELECT: *To whom is this "no charge verdict given?"*

- **ELECT:** Ek-lek-tos, "Chosen out ones." 23X (16 elect, 7x chosen)
- Election signifies that act of mind and will which one chooses a portion or certain number out of a whole.
- Paul identifies those to whom no successful charge can be brought, as the elect.
- This act involves freedom on the part of the one who makes the choice.
- Jesus choosing the 12,
 - Lk. 6:13, And when it was day, He called His disciples to *Himself*; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles.)
- Mary the sister of Martha choosing the best thing,
 - Lk. 10:41-42, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴² But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part,
- What ever God does He does without being pressured or influenced by things external to Himself.
 - Eph. 1:4, 5, 9, 11, Rom. 9:11, Rom. 11: 5.
- The title or word "elect" gathers up the terms from the earlier verses and identifies the elect as those foreknown, predestinated, called, justified, and glorified.
- Notice they are "God's elect." We belong to Him, we are not our own, we are not the worlds, we are His.
- We are God' foreknown, God's called, God's justified, God's Glorified.

JUSTIFIES: *It is God who justifies, the only opinion that matters!*

- The word "justify" has been used 15 X in Romans, here, in vs. 33 we find the last use of it in Romans.
- It means; "to account righteous." To show to be righteous.
- It is the removal of guilt and the restoration of relationship, from enemy to friend, to child, to joint heir.
- And because our debt is paid, we have permanent peace with God. (Rom. 5:1; Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- Justification resides in the Lord Jesus Christ our righteousness in whom we stand as uncondemned and uncharge-able as the Son of God Himself.
- Let me just add something that is obvious to us but I don't want to overlook it,
- God does not condone sin
 - Rom. 6:1 Shall we continue in sin?? GOD FORBID!
- and there could be plenty of evidence to convict us of sin, but God who is the Judge does not accuse His children, they are in Christ and Christ's righteousness is theirs. Yet sin shall not have dominion, be killing sin.
- Oh, what a miracle is justification, none of us adequately understand it nor appreciate it as we should.

- The more deeply we know, understand and feel justification the more real and deep our love, surrender, commitment, obedience, and worship to our great God, our great merciful Justifier.
- When it is God and He alone we have rebelled and sinned against and resounding from the throne of holy judgement we should expect from His lips the verdict, guilty, eternally guilty,
- But no, we hear no condemnation to them in Christ Jesus.
- It is His law we have violated, but behold Jesus our Advocate stands beside us in God's court of law and declares "No Charge, who can be against us, God is for us, we are pronounced, clean, forgiven, accepted.
- Unlike Pilate where we can read at least 6 times recorded between Luke and John where he says "I find no fault in Him", yet turns Him over to the murderous crowd. God will never turn His blood bought children over.

CONCLUSION:

- Only this truth will stand us accepted, acquitted and safe before the judgment seat of God.
- That is in spite of our offenses, failures, and sin, there cannot be held against us any charge.
- Our past failures so often can haunt us, cripple us, cause us to faint in the race, but no, we are acquitted of them all. Press on in sanctification.
- If we hear the accusations of the enemy we answer as Jesus did, with scripture, "they overcame Him with the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." Rev. 12:11 (see vs. 34)
- Finally, justification brings eternal glory to God alone.
- He has done everything for us, from eternity to eternity, He set His everlasting love on His people.
- Out of this eternal love he sent His Son to save His people from their sins.
- Jesus thus out of love came and willingly accomplished our salvation by His perfect life, death, and resurrection.
- Out of love the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit who then creates faith in us through his word.
- The Holy Spirit makes us alive and take up residence within us uniting us to the Father and the Son, and through obedience we are conformed into His image.
- The bottom line is all our sin has been against God, Him we have offended and betrayed, yet He answers "no condemnation."
- If the Judge of all the earth does not judge me guilty, but righteous, before His holy court no one else has the right to bring accusation.
- No one in heaven, none of earth, none from hell,
- The work of Christ for us, His propitiation, is complete, it is perfect, it is finished.

Rev. 7:12-17