

INTRODUCTION

1. Tower of Babel Gn 11:4] & Babylon of Revelation: autonomy to evade & displace God's judgment.
2. Rm 8:31-34a. Satan = prosecuting attorney who accuses Xns in any & every court possible, having lost case in God's court, defeated by our Advocate

1st: We Are Secure in Our Legal Standing In Christ - v31-34a

1. Paul acts as defending attorney.
2. v31 - *God is for us* - legal acceptance & rights to Christ's inheritance - v15-18
3. v32 - God's in Christ's cross: *all things* - v28,31 = v29-30. No 'thing' of v35-39 can annul what we possess in salvation
4. v33a - is there a sin for which Christ did not atone?
5. v33b,34a - *God justifies* - who is going to over- turn His verdict?
6. Isa 54:17 *every tongue that accuses you in judgment, you will condemn*

2nd: Be Humble but Confident When You Are Hated for Christ's Sake

1. Lk 6:22-23 *your name* as son of *Most High*. Lk 21:12-13 Jesus' *name's sake*. Babylonian's desire to *make a name for themselves*.
 - i. Judged, condemned for Jesus' sake - 1Pt 4:14
 - ii. Lk 21:12 - religious & secular courts; spectrum of opposition
2. 1C4:1-5 - *any human court* - even conscience? 1Jn3:20-21
3. Humility - A25:11; Jms 3:2
4. Reinforce God's justification w/ each other - Jms 2:11-12;3:9
5. Encourage the *all things* of our salvation - 2Pt 1:3]. Rm 8:30
6. Rm 8:31-34a What are the answers to Paul's questions? NOBODY!