

***If God Is For Us... We Can Face Our Troubles With Hope And Confidence!***

***If God Is For Us, Pt.3***

Romans 8:18–30

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**Romans 8:31**, *What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

**Romans 8:28**, *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.*

**How Can We Live With Hope And Confidence?**

- **We Know Our Present Misery Doesn't Compare With Our Future GLORY!**

**Romans 8:18**, *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

**Romans 8:23**, *Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.*

- **We Look Beyond That Which Is Seen To That Which Is UNSEEN**

**Romans 8:24**, *For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?*

**1 Corinthians 2:9**, *However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"—the things God has prepared for those who love Him.*

- **We Patiently Persevere During Difficult TIMES**

**Romans 8:25**, *But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. <sup>26</sup>In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.*

**Romans 5:2**, *... we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame...*

- **We Place Our Hope In God's Faithful PLAN**

**Romans 8:29**, *For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup>And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.*

**Cottonwood Creek Challenge:**

If you are going through a difficult time, spend this week focusing on these truths. If you know someone who is going through some difficult times, share these ideas with them. Here are several other verses to focus on this week:

**Philippians 1:6**, *For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

**Hebrews 11:1**, *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

**1 Peter 1:3**, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*