

## IMPOSSIBILITY ...

Some think there is a careful division into subsections, others that it is a fine rhapsody, paying little attention to the sequence of thought. Be that as it may, it will suffice to notice that in the first half Paul is concerned with ...

- the impossibility of any charge against the believer being sustained before God (vv. 31-34),
  - and in the second with the impossibility of anything separating us from God's love (vv. 35-39).
- [Morris, Leon (1988). The Epistle to the Romans (p. 334). Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans; Inter-Varsity Press.]

## DANGEROUS ...

We must bear in mind that ...

- It is dangerous to say confidently God is for us, as religious fanatics have shown all too plainly through the centuries in their perpetration of innumerable horrors out of an arrogant conviction that they are completely right and others are completely wrong.
  - But it is dangerous also to avoid it. Paul has been writing about a God who, in order to bring salvation to sinners, works all things for good, foreknows them, predestines them, calls them, justifies them, and glorifies them. It would be wrong to say anything less than that that God is "for" the sinners who are the objects of such love.
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How could God exercise such great power in our salvation without evaporating us?

Only through the sacrifice of the Son of God!

## God so loved the world ...

John 3:16

(Romans 1:16 ESV)

- For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

(Romans 8:31-39 ESV)

- 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?
- 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?
- 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
- 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

