

**Five Crazy Christmas Ideas:**  
***God is For You***  
**Romans 8:28-39**

God sent Jesus into this setting:

People were *distracted* by the world.  
People were *defined* by sin.  
People were *defeated* by the devil.

Distracted by the world....defined by sin....defeated by the devil. God's intervention over 2000 years ago was to send Jesus into the world. God's intervention today is to send Jesus into the lives of those who will receive Him. To borrow a line from O Little Town of Bethlehem....

***Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.***

Romans 8:31 says..."If God is for us, who can be against us?"

The word "if" does not mean maybe God is for us.  
Sometimes we use the word "if" in the same way we use the word since.  
In other words, the force of this sentence is this..."Since God is for us, who can be against us?"

Consider this:

How could you ever know that God was for you?  
How could you ever know that the Creator of the universe was for you?

God has done more than *tell* you. God has *shown* you that He is for you.

Paul often wrote letters with a bit of question and answer feel. Paul anticipated questions and objections and tried to answer them in his letters. We have that here.

Paul answered possible objections to his assertion that Believers in Christ are eternally secure in Christ. He begins by asking and answering, "Who". Who could possibly take these gifts away? Who could ruin God's plan? Is there anyone who could do that?

The way Paul lays it out helps you to see that whoever could be against your salvation would have to overcome the God who is for your salvation. Whoever works against your salvation, intentionally or unintentionally, would actually find himself working against the God who is for you.

God has always been for His people. Always. We can know that God is for us because we know that God chose to send His Son Jesus to live here.

*The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed His glory,  
the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*  
John 1:14 (HCSB)

### **Home Group Discussion Questions:**

1. As an ice-breaker, share some of your favorite Christmas memories or traditions.
2. Sometimes there's a lot of talk in and around the Church to have a "Christ-centered" Christmas. What does that mean to you? What could a person do to try to have a "Christ-centered" Christmas.
3. Read Romans 8:28-39. What stands out to you as you read that?
4. Have you ever felt as if God might somehow be *against* you? Do you often feel as if God is *for* you?
5. Has there ever been a time when God intervened in such a way as to lead you to believe that He is for you?
6. Since God is for you...what does that say about you? Others? Are you for others? How so?