

God Did Not Spare His Son **Romans 8:31-34**

Today, we encounter a passage of Scripture that says, God did not spare His own Son. I take that to mean it was possible for God to have spared His Son, but He chose not to.

Given that God our Father in Heaven is good, kind, perfect in His love – this is just stunning. God the Father who loves His Son since eternity past, withdrew His protection and made the deliberate decision to not spare His Son. Why?

...but gave Him up for us all.

So it was a terrible choice. It was either us or His Son. In other words, God did not spare His Son because it was the only way He could spare us.

Rom 8:31 clearly says that **God is FOR you**. God is not neutral toward you. God is not indifferent toward you. God is not working on your behalf out of a sense of reluctant obligation. **God is FOR you**. The proof of God being for you is the arrival of Jesus here and the horrific ordeal of the cross of Jesus.

There's a huge change between the Old Testament and the New Testament. In the Old Testament, there were times when God was against His people. (Amos 3:1-2) In the New Testament, God is not against but for His people. What happened?

The cross of Jesus Christ. Jesus lived a perfect life. Jesus was a sinless Savior who did not share our predicament of being a guilty sinner.

God placed on Jesus all of His anger, wrath and judgment that would have been directed toward you.

Your guilt was placed on Jesus.
Your shame was placed on Jesus.
Your past, present and future sins were placed on Jesus.

If you are a Christian, when God looks at you, He sees the righteousness of His Son, Jesus. Therefore, God can no longer be against you. He has no reason to.

You might be thinking. Ok, got it. God is not against me. I guess He is neutral toward me because I still mess up sometimes. Paul makes it clear in the Book of Romans that God is not neutral toward you. God is FOR you. God is positive toward you. God loves you and likes you. God has set His affection on you. I would even go so far as to say that God is passionately excited about you.

God has placed your guilt on Jesus so that He can give you the gift of forgiveness.
God has placed your shame on Jesus so that He can give you the gift of worthiness.
God has placed your failures on Jesus so that He can give you the gift of meaningful achievement.
God has placed your fear on Jesus so He can give you the gift of peace.
God has placed your insecurity on Jesus so that He can give you the gift of contentment.

Not sparing the Son is the ground for every good thing that God brings into your life as He works His purpose of conforming you into the likeness of His Son, Jesus.