

# THE RECIPE FOR GOD'S UNDEFEATABLE PURPOSE

## *Ingredient #4: His Gracious Verdict*

### Romans 8:28-34

#### **Introduction:**

- The picture in Rom. 8:31-34 is that of a c\_\_\_\_\_ room
  1. Those who have trusted Christ have already been there and have received the verdict of \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Our p\_\_\_\_\_ should be that the lost around us will experience this same verdict.
- Understanding God's gracious verdict should motivate us in j\_\_\_\_\_ Him in His work of saving people from every walk of life.

#### **The Verdict Unch\_\_\_\_\_ – No Guilt (v. 30)**

*These whom He called, He also justified.*

- Definition of the word "justify"
  1. Literal – to declare r\_\_\_\_\_
  2. Practical – to declare someone i\_\_\_\_\_ of sin
- How can God declare a person "not guilty" when all have s\_\_\_\_\_ a Rom 3:23 states?
  1. God declares a person not guilty of sin the moment He c\_\_\_\_\_ them to Christ (not before)
  2. The basis of His verdict is a person's f\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 5:1)
  3. Even though God had made a prior decision to save me (He foreknew me), He could not release the verdict of "not guilty" until I t\_\_\_\_\_ Christ (Jn 3:18).

#### **The Verdict Unch\_\_\_\_\_ – No Prosecutor (vv. 33,34)**

*Who will bring a charge against God's elect [those whom He has chosen]?*

- Who are God's elect (chosen ones)?
  1. In the Bible, a person is NEVER called "elect" or "chosen" b\_\_\_\_\_ coming to Christ.
  2. The elect (chosen ones) are ALL those who have come to f\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
- What is the answer to the question in verse 33?
  1. The answer is not given but i\_\_\_\_\_ by the next statement.

2. Since God is the one who justifies, then n\_\_\_\_\_ can bring a charge against any believer in Christ. No prosecutor is allowed in God's courtroom!

*Who is the one who condemns?*

● Verse 34 asks another question. What is the answer?

1. The answer is not given but i\_\_\_\_\_ by the next statement.
2. Since Jesus (who died, rose again, and sits at God's right hand) is our i\_\_\_\_\_, there is no one who condemns!
  - a. The picture is of Jesus being our l\_\_\_\_\_ who proves our case by His work in satisfying the payment for our sins.
  - b. All of this was prophesied and fulfilled (see Is 53:5,6; 2 Cor 5:21).
  - c. Just because we escape condemnation does not give us the right to sin (see ingredient #2 - message on *His Transforming Power*).

● The final judgment is in the Lake of F\_\_\_\_\_ (Rev 20:11-15)

1. The book of d\_\_\_\_\_ - if a person is judged by their deeds, that person will be condemned.
2. The book of l\_\_\_\_\_ - if a person's name is not recorded, that person will be condemned
3. Is it possible for God's verdict of not guilty on the believer to be changed?

**The Verdict Unch\_\_\_\_\_ – No Appeals (vv. 30-32)**

*If God is for us, who is against us?*

● When the apostle Paul wrote this letter to the Romans, N\_\_\_\_\_ was Emperor and was working to make Christianity illegal.

1. Christians were often mistreated by R\_\_\_\_\_ officials
2. Christians were targets by J\_\_\_\_\_ officials
3. Today, Christians have many who are a\_\_\_\_\_ them.

● What is the point of the above question?

1. It does not m\_\_\_\_\_ who is against us.
2. God works ALL THINGS out for our g\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 30)

3. God is not going to short change us. Since He did not s\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as our sacrifice, He will freely give us all things (all that He owns – v. 32). This is summed up in the word glorified.

*These whom He justified, He glorified* – last part of verse 30.

● If you are justified, are you glorified?

1. Believers are not actually glorified until the time of Jesus' s\_\_\_\_\_ coming (see Rom 8:18; Col 3:4).
2. Glorified, although future, is put in the past tense to show that it is a done d\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Compare this to a runner who is so far ahead the announcer announces, “He’s won it!” even before the runner crosses the finish line.
  - b. Compare this to a failed parachute, and the skydiver exclaims, “I’m dead” even though he is very much alive.
  - c. A believer’s future glorification is as certain as a past event – that’s security.
3. Once God gives the verdict “justified”, “not guilty” it will not and cannot be overturned! (see Phil 1:6)

**Conclusion:**

Since God has done EVERYTHING for us in Jesus Christ, how can we not join Him in His work of saving people from every walk of life!