

## A Strong Place Positions Please

*The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalms 18:2*

### **Rom. 8:28-39**

<sup>28</sup>And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. <sup>29</sup>For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup>And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

<sup>31</sup>What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup>Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. <sup>34</sup>Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. - NLT

- ★ How do we get to the place where we are living in v. 28 and v. 31?  
What a place of strength!

What fuels your faith is how you believe in the core of your being God sees you.

### **God ...**

#### ***Has called you***

- V. 29 – “He chose them to become like His Son...”
- No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day John 6:44
- If He's calling you, He's got plans for you!

#### ***Died for you***

- <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?
- What more can He do to show you He believes in you?

#### ***Has declared you innocent***

- Verse 30 – “justified” means right standing with God (innocent)
- This is on the *other side* of repentance and faith
- Either you justify yourself, *or* He justifies you.

#### ***Is praying for you***

- Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Heb. 7:25

### ***Will glorify you***

- <sup>42</sup> *So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. I Cor. 15:42,43*

### **What does it mean to be “more than a conqueror”?**

<sup>35</sup>*Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? <sup>36</sup>(As the Scriptures say, “For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.”) <sup>37</sup>No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.*

<sup>38</sup>*And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. <sup>39</sup>No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NLT)*

This is clearly a *different* definition of living victoriously than the *secular* version:

- *Isolated* from trials
- *Insulated* from trials

*“Your loving kindness is better than life!”*