



ROMANS 1:16

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.”



UNASHAMED:  
FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

Romans 8:28-39



VS. 28

AND (in addition to future glory and the Spirit's intercession)

“In all things...” In context, our present sufferings (See vss. 18, 35-39)

“God works” Add'l reading - Isaiah 40

“For the good” Not a new car, but Christlikeness

“Of those who love Him who have been called according to His purpose” The calling of His elect to salvation

A caution:

Some say, “I don’t believe in election and predestination.”

That’s not an option for a student of the Scriptures.

VSS. 29-30

He foreknew, “before the Creation of the world”  
(Eph. 1:3-14). He predestined to Christlikeness.

He called. He justified. He glorified.

It was all Him.

“The question is never, ‘why did He not save that one?; the question must always be, ‘why did He save any?’” - D. Jeremiah

Does election/predestination collide with Christ's promise that "whosoever will may come"?

Not at all.

Salvation is – and always has been – by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

MacArthur states, "... (God) exercises this sovereignty in harmony with His other attributes, especially His omniscience, justice, holiness, wisdom, grace and love.



VSS. 31-32

In context, better understood as “since God...”

“Who can be against us?”

There is no one like our God, who gave up His own Son to draw us near to Him. In Christ, we are given everything we need for life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3)



VSS. 33-34

Our confidence when the Enemy brings charges?  
(Rev. 12:10)

We have been justified (fully pardoned; declared  
righteous) by the very One we sinned against

Who can condemn those for whom the Righteous  
Judge is interceding?





VSS. 35-36

Who can separate us from the love of Christ?  
(John 10:25-30)

“...no weapon formed against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord.” Is. 54:17

Vs. 36 A reminder of hardship as part of life




VSS. 37-39

“More than conquerors” A necessary reminder of who we are in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1-2)

In Christ we can have full assurance that **NOTHING** can separate us from His love

Nothing natural nor supernatural. Nothing physical nor spiritual. Nothing related to time and space...



“Be at rest. Be at rest once more,  
O my soul, for the Lord has been good.  
Be at rest. Be at rest once more, O my soul.  
On my soul, be at rest once more,  
for the Lord has been good to you.”