

# WHAT TO BE THANKFUL FOR!

## **Romans 8:31-39 (NIV)**

***31 What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?***

***32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?***

***33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.***

***34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.***

***35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?***

***36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."***

***37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.***

***38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,***

***39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

You

When we step back and take a look at this world we see beauty, we see tall mountains that reach the highest altitudes, we see great bodies of water that cover most of Earth's unsearched surface, we see deep valleys that divide one mountain from another, we see man-made inventions that are results of hard work and creativity.

Above all we see people the most beautiful of all creation, people yet with all this beauty in the world we still see great sadness, vast hatred, a constant war, abundant evil, unexplainable pain, poverty, division, terrorism, and oppression.

What is there to be thankful for?

We can be thankful for our health, family, friendships, freedom, home education, clean water, food and employment.

But what about those that don't have these things, what can they be thankful for and what if all these things we have today were taken away from us.

Well then would we be thankful for is our thankfulness based on what we have here on earth or is it based on something much greater than ourselves something eternal something that you don't lose when you die but you gain something that cannot be taken from you because it goes on forever your life that God crafted out of the love and goodness of his heart and wrapped it in a perfect and eternal purpose that can't be compared to the pain experienced in our earthly bodies nor matched to the beauty we see in this world.

We can be thankful for the breath of life that makes us the living beings we are that we don't just walk the surface of this planet aimlessly with nothing to look forward to but we exist to forever experience over and over again the grace love and joy of our Creator Jesus Christ.

Let's be thankful for everything we have here on earth but above all be thankful for our salvation and for what is yet to come.

You

***Psalm 7:17 (NIV)***

***17 I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.***

***Psalm 95:1-2 (NIV)***

***1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.***

***2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.***