



All We Need

Read Romans 8:28-39

Romans 8:32 *"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?"*

On September 16th my niece was to be married. I had agreed to make her wedding cake. Looking at a chart in a wedding cake book, I estimated I needed to buy sixteen cake mixes, four dozen eggs, three pounds of shortening, and ten pounds of confectionary sugar. I also needed one quart cooking oil, a lot of vanilla and butter flavoring that I already had in my kitchen cupboards. On the Thursday before the wedding I went to the store quite confident they would have all the items I needed for the cake. There were seventeen cake mixes of the requested flavor. I decided to buy all seventeen just in case my estimate was off and hoping no one else would be shopping for the same flavor before the shelf was restocked. I found all the other items I needed and purchased them. At home I proceeded to mix the ingredients together. I had estimated correctly except for the shortening and confectionary sugar. It turned out I needed six pounds of the shortening and fourteen pounds of the sugar. I made another trip to the store.

Just as the store had everything I needed and more to make the cake, so God has everything we need to live a victorious Christian life. His supply will never run out. And just as I needed to go to the store to buy what I needed, we need to go to God in faith believing that He will supply what we need just as He has promised. However, we do not need to 'buy' from God what we need. He just gives. When God send His Son to die on the cross, Jesus became the final and ultimate sacrifice for all our sins. The author of Hebrews tells us, "If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left." (Hebrews 10:26) God did everything He could possibly do to be sure that our sins are forgiven by make the supreme sacrifice of the life of His one and only son. Since He made such a sacrifice and since He loves us so much, He has everything we need to live a life pleasing to Him. Paul tells us, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31) Paul also writes that nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39)