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“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”

This is our text today, **Romans 8:32** and this is our topic: **“HE SPARED NOT HIS OWN SON.”**

Now, let’s read the text from **Romans the 8th chapter, verse 32**: *“He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him, also freely give us all things?”*

Now, the **8th chapter of Romans** is a treasure house of riches for all believers. The child of God can spend, (I started to say weeks and months) but he can spend years in this great hall of mercy just feasting on the blessings of God, those blessings that were purposed by His grace and promised in His Word and purchased by His dear Son.

For example; let’s go to **verse 1**: Take your Bible there and open it with me to **Romans the 8th chapter** and let’s go to **verse 1** and talk about some of these mercies and some of these riches of His grace:

First of all: In **verse 1** it says this: *“There is therefore, now, (right now), no condemnation, (and my friend; that word is judgment; there is no judgment).”*

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Now, you can hear preachers all over this land talking about the two judgments and the three judgments and the four judgments and the five judgments and the half a dozen judgments. Let me tell you something:

God's Word says: *"There's therefore, now, (no judgment), no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus."* Read on further in the **Book of Romans chapter 8** and you will find the apostle saying: *"if God be for us who can be against us? Who can lay anything to the charge of God's elect, (who's going to bring a charge against God's elect, somebody in heaven, somebody on earth, somebody in hell?) It's God that justifieth."* We've already been justified by the highest court.

You know, when a fellow commits a crime here on the earth and they try him in the local county courthouse and he is found guilty, he will appeal. He will appeal to the State Court of Appeals.

They will try him there and he'll appeal to the Supreme Court. Now, when the Supreme Court hands down its verdict that's the farthest he can go; there's no more appeal.

Let me tell you something: We've been justified by the highest courts of the universe. *"It's God that justifieth. Who can lay anything to the charge of God's elect? God has justified us."* We have been cleared, declared "not guilty," justified without sin in the highest court of the universe through the blood of Jesus Christ by the righteousness of the Son of God.

"There is therefore, now, no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus." We may be a witness at the judgment. We may be with those that are standing by at the judgment, but the Lord Jesus Christ stood for His people, His elect. *"He was a surety of an everlasting covenant."*

He stood for them in eternity. He stood for them in the present and He stands for them in the future. He stands for them at the judgment.

Listen to **Romans 8:34**: *"Who is he that condemneth, Christ has died, yea rather is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God who intercedes for us."* Christ is my Intercessor. He's my Mediator.

There's no one that can challenge Him or challenge what He purchased or what He bought for me on Calvary's cross. I have no sin. In Christ there is no sin:

**"Nearer so near to God
Nearer I cannot be
In the person of His Son
I'm as near as He."**

Clothed in His righteousness we are as holy as God's Son. He presents us holy, spotless, and without blame, without blemish in His presence. There is no judgment. You can do what you want to with that, that's what the Scripture says; "there is no condemnation, there is no judgment."

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I know fellows use this today and they talk about the judgment seat of Christ, whether they are going to hand out rewards and hand out one mansion a little bigger than the other one. Fellows use things like this today to get people to support their programs and support their television efforts and to support this and that. They are trying to scare people into doing things.

Let me tell you something: whatever you do, whether it is praying, witnessing, working, giving, or anything else, if it's motivated out of a fear of hell and fear of losing a reward and fear of living in a dingy ghetto in glory, if it is out of fear, you better just forget it anyway.

Paul the apostle said: *"The love of Christ constraineth me."* We obey God's Word because we love God. We give because we love God. We witness because we love Christ. We treat other people right because we love Christ.

That's our motive and that's our constraining force; it's the love of Jesus Christ and anything else is not worth having. You are not working for anything. We are serving God because we love Him and that's what the Scripture says: *"the love of Christ constraineth me."*

Now watch this in **verse 4**; here's another blessed treasure in this **8th chapter of Romans**: *"the righteousness of the law is fulfilled in Christ."* In Christ we are not only pardoned, we are not only forgiven, but we have a perfect holiness before God.

1 Corinthians 1:30 says: *"Of him are you in Christ Jesus."* We are in Christ *"who of God is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption."*

Somebody wrote a song from that verse:

**"Jesus Christ is made to me
All I need, all I need
He alone is all my plea
He is all I need."**

He's my wisdom, my righteousness, my sanctification, and redemption. Listen to this: *"We are complete in him."* That's what the Scripture says, *"complete in Christ; (we lack nothing)."* Isn't that something?

The righteousness of the law, the righteousness of God's holy, immaculate, immutable law, is fulfilled in us. You read it there in **verse 4** and then turn to **verse 15**: *"We have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."*

Do you know what believers are? They are sons of God, now you think about that. They are children of God. They have been adopted on purpose by God into His family, children of God: *"beloved, now are we the sons of God,"* not going to be, not hoped to be; right now are we the sons of God. That's **1 John 3:1-2**. *"It doth yet not appear what we shall be but we know this: that he shall appear and we shall be like him."*

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We are sons of God, not only sons of God; read in **Romans 8, verses 15, 16, and 17**: *“But we are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.”*

Every believer is an heir of God, an heir of all that God has and all that God gives of God’s universe and a joint-heir with Jesus Christ. God has given everything to the Son and its mine, with Him and in Him. Isn’t that something?

Then, look at **verse 23**; he says: *“we wait for the redemption of our bodies; we’ve been redeemed.”* In Christ on the cross, not only redeemed our souls, but He redeemed our bodies also.

Now, these bodies are getting older and they are filled with disease and they will one day die. We will put them in the ground and *“they will go back to the dust from whence they came,”* the soul will go back to God, who gave it.

But, Paul said: *“We are waiting for the redemption of that body,”* when God is going to bring that body out of the grave. When the Lord Jesus Christ comes again, every believer is going to be raised from the grave.

You say: “What kind of bodies are we going to have, when the dead come forth, how are the dead raised?” They are going to be raised in His likeness; they are going to have a body like His glorified body that knows no sin, or sorrow, or trial, or sadness and tears or anything like that. We are going to be raised without fear.

I heard a preacher not long ago talking about the tears at the judgment. My friend; when God raises my new body it’s going to be just like the Son of God; I am going to be like Him. I just don’t believe that the new body, that new glorified body is going to know anything about sorrow or tears; it is going to be like Christ.

Then, **verse 26**: *“Likewise, the Spirit helpeth our infirmities.”* He’s given us a comforter. He’s given us a helper. He’s given us a teacher *“and the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us.”*

You say: Do all believers have the Holy Spirit? *“If any man hath not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his. As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God.”*

You couldn’t be quickened from the dead without the Holy Spirit. You couldn’t be born again without the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit indwells everybody who is saved. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God and if we don’t have the Holy Spirit we are none of His.

The Lord God has not left us alone; He has given us His Holy Spirit to reveal Christ to us. Our Lord said: *“When he the Spirit of truth has come he will take the things of mine and show them to you. He will not speak of himself. He’s going to glorify me.”*

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The Holy Spirit reveals Christ to the heart. He's our teacher. He will guide you into all truth. He's our comforter. He intercedes for us and reveals unto us the will of God.

Then, look at **verse 28**; we are marching through **Romans the 8th chapter** and we are stopping. We are just pausing for a moment or two because we do not have long. We are just stopping and looking at some of these blessings, just glancing over them. You read them later and feast upon them.

Here's **verse 28**; listen to this: *"All things work together for good to them who love God, to those who are the called according to his purpose."*

Now, in this life the believer, like anybody else, is still in the flesh. He has a family, a home, a job, an automobile, and friends. He lives a life like anyone else and in this world, the believer has joy and he has sorrows.

He has successes and he has failures. He has happiness and he has doubts and fears. He has trials and he has some sicknesses and he has diseases and disappointments just like anybody else.

But, our God gave us a promise right here in **Romans 8:28** and he says: *"all things, (all things, not some things, not the major things, not the good things, and not the better things, all things), and I know that all things (great and small, good and bad, past, present and future, flesh and spirit), all things work together, are working together in God's eternal purpose (and God's eternal plan for good)."*

We are not talking about temporal good or present good or temporary good; we are talking about eternal good. You see, Abraham dwelt in tents. He never did possess the land himself or build a home or a ranch on the land that God promised to him. He dwelt in tents. He was a sojourner.

He didn't have any stakes driven here or any roots planted here at all. He looked for a city; eternal good; that is what we are talking about, eternal good.

The apostle Paul was a man who suffered but all of his suffering was for his eternal good and for the eternal glory of Jesus Christ for these things work together in God's purpose and plan for our eternal good. That's what it's all about.

This life is nothing. This life is nothing compared to eternity, it's just a vestibule that ushers us into eternity. It's like one snowflake compared to a blizzard. It's like one drop of water compared to an ocean.

Sixty to seventy years here is nothing. What difference does it make what I possess here, what I own here or the health I enjoy here? I am going to die and live forever somewhere.

These things that God brings to pass in my life, trials or tribulations, or sorrows or successes, or failures or disappointments, or whatever, are all working together to make me what God would have me to do eternally, to make me like His Son.

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“All things work together for good to them who love God, (not everybody) but to them who love God, to them who are the called, according to his eternal purpose. ”

All right; look at **verse 39**; not watch this: *“And nothing, neither height, nor depth, nor width, nor breath, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor any other creature, (Paul said, unless I left somebody out), can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

**“That soul that on Jesus
Hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not
Desert to its foes.**

**That soul, though all hell
Should endeavor to shake
I’ll never, no never,
No never, forsake.”**

My friend; He will never cast us out. He will never forget us. He will never disown us. He said: *“Lo; I am with you always even to the end of the world.”*

Christ loves His own. He has always loved them. He loves them with an infinite love. He loves them with an unchangeable love. He loves them with an everlasting love. He loves them with a love that sent Him to Calvary to redeem their souls.

You think of these blessings. Read that chapter again. Walk through the **8th chapter of Romans** and pause and listen to God speak, what He purposed, what He promised, and what Christ purchased.

There’s no way that we can number these mercies. There’s no way that we can evaluate these blessings. David wrote in **Psalm 103**: *“Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name. Forget not all his benefits, who forgiveth all thy iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases, and who satisfieth thy mouth with good things:”*

“Blessed is the man, blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly or sitteth in the seat of scorners or standeth in the way of sinners. His delight is in the law of the Lord, in that law you meditate day and night:

“And blessed is that man; he will be like a tree planted by the rivers of living water that brings forth his fruit in his season, (in God’s season).”

In **Romans 4: 7 and 8** it says: *“Blessed is the man to whom God will not charge sin.”* **Philippians 4:19** says: *“My God shall supply all your need.”* And Abraham said to Isaac: *“Go on up the mountainside; God will provide, God will provide.”*

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Now, those are mercies aren't they? Oh, you say; "Preacher; if I could just, if I could just lay hold on those things, if I could just incorporate those things for myself, if I could just believe that those belong to me."

"Preacher, what proof do you have, what is the major proof of these blessings? What is the major proof of these mercies? How can I know that these promises are sure? Bring forth for me one word that will beyond a doubt give assurance and confidence to me that all of these blessings are the believer's in Christ Jesus?"

All right; I will. I will give you a proof that cannot be denied. I will give you a word that cannot be disapproved. I will give you a word that will convince any man in his right mind, at what God's purposed and what God's promised, God almighty will give to every believer:

Now then, I know one proof is this: God is love and that's true and that's certain. His love, like I said, is everlasting, infinite, beyond measure. Somebody wrote this:

**"Could we with ink the ocean fill?
And were the skies of parchment made
And every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade.
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky."**

I wouldn't say one word that would belittle the holy love of God but listen to me: while God is love; God is holy and just and righteous.

And so; when we say that God loves you, that doesn't say that you are redeemed; sin has to be punished and the law has to be honored. Just to say that God is love; that won't give you enough proof of these mercies will be yours, no sir it won't!

Then, somebody else says: "Well, God has promised to redeem." Yes He did; He certainly did; that's as sure as heaven, that's as sure as heaven! He said: "*I will be merciful. I will be gracious. I will be merciful to whom I will be merciful and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious.*" That's as sure as heaven!

God almighty is going to be merciful to somebody; He's going to be, but still, to say that He's going to be merciful doesn't appropriate the mercy. He's going to be merciful to somebody but wait a minute! I want that now. I want to know now that I have that mercy.

All right, somebody else says: "Well, He's been merciful to others. "*Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.*" These are all strong arguments. I know that God is love, God has purposed to save, and God's shown mercy to others, but wait a minute:

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There is one yet greater, stronger, and more certain proof that God will give these blessings and mercies; do you know what it is? I say that God will show mercy. God will forgive sin, God will redeem His elect, and God will not cast us away.

God will freely give us all things because *“he spared not his own Son.”* That’s why I believe that God will fulfill all that God promised because *“he spared not his own Son.”*

You know, when God told Abraham to take Isaac; Abraham had one son by his wife Sarah, one heir and he was about 14 or 15 years of age. God came to this great man of faith and said: *“Abraham; take your son, your only son, whom you love, to Mount Mariah and sacrifice him as a sin-offering to me.”*

That old man, over a hundred years old of age, took that boy and started for that mountain. When he got to the mountain he left the servants and the donkeys down at the foot of the mountain, he and the boy started up the mountain.

They had been on a three day journey. The old man had time to think about it and consider it and weigh it. His faith hadn’t wavered a bit. He started up the mountain. He had the fire and he had the wood but he didn’t have a lamb.

The boy said to his daddy: *“Father; here’s the wood and here’s the fire, but where is the lamb, where’s the lamb?”* This boy knew that God could not be worshipped without a sin-offering, a sacrifice. I wish everybody believed that and knew that.

This boy knew that there was no way to approach God without the shedding of blood to put away sin, to cleanse sin, to make atonement. I wish every preacher knew that.

This boy knew that there must be a sacrifice, a sin-offering, atonement; where is the lamb? His daddy said: *“My son; God will provide, God will provide himself a lamb.”*

He got on top of that mountain and he took Isaac and bound him and put him on the altar and then he raised the knife to prepare to slay his son. God spoke and God said: *“Abraham, Abraham; touch not the lad; now I know that thou lovest me, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. Now I know you love me.”*

My friend; I can say that. I can take the Word of God and read about His great mercies and read about His promises and read about His purposes. I can read about his grace to others. When I go to Calvary and I see hanging there between heaven and earth, bearing my sins, bearing my guilt and my shame, God almighty, well-beloved, only begotten, Son of his love, I tell you, it is all the proof I need. That’s all the confidence I need. That’s all the assurance I need, that is God to be for me to the extent that He spared not his Son.

If God almighty be pardoned in this way, *“who can condemn me, who can lay anything to my charge, who can condemn me? For: “If he spared not his own Son but deliver him up for us all, how shall he not with Christ freely give us all things?”*

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My friend; He spared not His son any trial. He spared not His Son any temptation, any agony of the flesh. *“He was tempted, tried and tested in all points as we are, yet without sin.”*

You see, when Christ undertook our cause as our Surety, when Christ appeared on earth in our nature, when Christ Jesus was numbered with the transgressors, when Christ Jesus was made of woman, and made under the law as our representative, when He became the Son of God, into this world, He was not spared, beginning from the day He was born.

Look at him there: There He lays in a stall, in a manger, a lowly birth, *“no room for him in the inn. He was as a tender plant out of dry ground.”* He is identified with the lowest birth of the lowest man. He couldn't have been born to meaner circumstances. *“He spared not His Son.”*

Even in his birth God spared Him not the discomfort and the shame. There was no room for Him anywhere so He was born in a cow stable.

You can see Him in the carpenter shop. God said: “Adam, when you sin, you are going to die and be cast out of the Garden and by the sweat of your brow you will earn your living. Your hands will have callouses and bruises and you will hurt and you will bleed.”

Look at him in the carpenter shop: Our Lord, our representative; see Him as He labors in the carpenter shop for a long time and the sweat pours down His brow and callouses cover His hands.

Well, we know who He is, He's the carpenter. We know his mother and his brothers and sisters. He's nobody, He's nobody! Well, He doesn't live in the satin and silk of the throne. He doesn't live in the purple and red and crimson of the clergy. He's a carpenter, nobody.

That's right: *“He spared not His Son.”* You can see him in the world, rejected, despised, hated, *“a man of sorrows acquainted with grief,”* having not a place to lay His head.

You can see Him in the wilderness tempted of Satan: *“He spared not His Son.”* He even allowed Him to be tempted of that archenemy of God, Satan Himself. He had a personal encounter with Satan.

You can see the Lord Jesus Christ in the synagogue among the religious crowd. They kicked Him out. They ridiculed Him. They took Him over to a hill and were going to murder Him. They didn't want Him in the synagogue.

You can see Christ in the Garden; our sins fell on Him and he *“sweat great drops of blood”* in His agony, in his soul agony: *“He spared not his Son.”*

You can see Him in the soldier's hall; they stripped His clothes off of Him and slap His face and say: *“prophesy, who slapped you?”*

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They bow the knee when they put a crown of thorns on His head and a purple robe on his back and a reed in His hand and bow the knee and mocked Him and ridiculed Him as the king. Do people mock you? *“He spared not his Son.”*

You can see him on the cross. *“I thirst.”* See him deserted of the Father: *“My God why hast thou forsaken me?”*

You can see Him in the tomb, lying in a tomb, dead: *“He spared not his Son.”* My friend; that’s the proof of God’s purpose, that’s the proof of God’s promise. That’s the proof of God’s love. That’s the proof of God’s grace and that’s all you need: *“He spared not his Son.”*

I don’t need a feeling. I don’t need some vision. I don’t need a dream. I just need this Word right here, five words: *“He spared not his Son.”* That’s my hope.

He goes on and says: *“If he spared not his son but delivered him up for us, all of us, how shall he not give him freely, give us all things?”* Shall He not? Did Christ die in vain? Would He not have what He purchased? How can the Father not honor His promise? How can the Father not honor His Word?

Do you mean that Christ Jesus died for me and I may yet go to hell? He paid my debt and I still bear it? No my friend; Jesus Christ the Lord paid it all:

**“All the debt I owe
Sin left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow.”**

“God spared not his Son!”