

Those words can be applied to the lives of unhappy multitudes of people who feel lonely and unloved. They may try to reach out and make friends, but their best efforts often prove futile.

Romans has a message for any of us who, like that woman, feel we belong to that frustrated legion of the lonely and unloved. It includes, of course, the good news about the Friend who cared enough to die as our substitute on the cross. But it's also about the Friend who loves each Christian with a love that can never be alienated, who sticks closer than a brother, and who understands us completely.

That friend is Jesus Christ, to all who have turned to Him in genuine repentance and faith. When in faith we reach out and grasp His down-stretched, nail-pierced hand, we are gripped by the love that will never let us go.

No one ever cared for me like Jesus,  
There's no other friend so kind as He;  
No one else could take the sin and darkness from me,  
Oh, how much He cared for me. —Weigle

**Though human friendships may sometimes fail, Christ's friendship will always prevail.**



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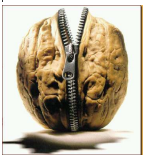
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### Who Can be Against Us?

The epitaph did not give the dates of her birth or death. It included only her name, the names of her two husbands, and this melancholy mini-biography:

Sleeps, but rests not.  
Loved, but was loved not.  
Tried to please, but pleased not.  
Died as she lived—alone.





# Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

## Security Plus

**(Isaiah 40:31)** "But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

In Romans 8:31-39 are two mountain peaks of truth that can lift up any hurting believer to the heights of strength and rest:

### 1. Who can \_\_\_\_\_ the plan of \_\_\_\_\_, verses 28-34

Paul gives 4 reasons why the believer has security plus:

◆ They are \_\_\_\_\_ by God, verse 31

**(2 Kings 6:15-17)** "And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" {16} So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." {17} And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I

pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha."

**(John 18:4-6)** "Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" {5} They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. {6} Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground."



◆ They are \_\_\_\_\_ by God, verse 32

**(Ephesians 1:3)** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,"

**(2 Peter 1:3-4)** "as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life



and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, {4} by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

◆ They are \_\_\_\_\_ by God, verse 33, 3:23

**(Revelation 12:10)** "Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."



◆ They are \_\_\_\_\_ by God, verse 34, 8:1

**(1 John 3:20)** "For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things."



2. Who can \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, (next time)

