

The answers Paul gives are clear, definite, and ringingly final:

No one can be against us, in the final, ultimate sense!

No one can condemn us before the bar of God's righteous judgment!

No one and nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ!

But these answers are true only for those whom God has savingly united to Jesus Christ and His saving work by the Holy Spirit through faith.

Let us ask ourselves: Am I trusting in Jesus Christ and His atoning work as revealed in the gospel?

If we are, then all of the benefits of Christ's salvation are our portion and inheritance.

And if this is so, then let us together lay hold of all that God has graciously given us in Christ! Let us not shrink back from claiming and enjoying all that Christ has purchased for us, especially His perfect gift of righteousness, imputed to us for our justification, and imparted to us for our sanctification.

This is indeed the good news of deliverance from sin through the revelation of God's righteousness to everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ, whether Jew or Gentile!

This is indeed the full gospel, the gospel of deliverance from the guilt of sin to a right standing before God, deliverance from the penalty of death to the gift of life, deliverance from the power of sin to the power of righteousness, and deliverance from the presence of sin to the total presence of righteousness; and all to the glory of God's grace!