

**Title: Paid In Full - Romans 8 26-39**

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**Read:**

<sup>26-28</sup>Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good. <sup>29-30</sup>God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun. <sup>31-39</sup>So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us!—is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture: They kill us in cold blood because they hate you. We're sitting ducks; they pick us off one by one. None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

**Think:**

So it comes out and you queue up and manage to buy an iPhone. It's the latest, the best the coolest gadget you could every want, but it came at a cost. You had to work for months to save the cash you needed, you had to sell loads of your other stuff, but now you own the coolest gadget on the planet. What do you do? Do you strut your stuff in front of your mates or do you throw the iPhone in the corner not caring what happens to it? Of course you don't that phone came at a cost you take the best care of it you can. You put it in a protective case, and no one gets near it without you by their side. They can look, but they can't touch. That's how God is with you. Your freedom to party with God forever may be free to you, but it came at a cost. God isn't about to create the best thing he can in you, and then pay for you freedom with the death of his Son Jesus, only to throw you away. No he is not. Whatever situation you are in now, God can work it out so that it will be good in the end. That's because God paid a major price for you're freedom, and he won't see you trashed. Not only can God work out everything so that is will be good, but he has the power to do it, as well If the creator of the universe is on your side, ultimately you are on the right team. Because if the God who made the universe is for you, then it doesn't matter who is against you, the battle has already been won. The price has been paid and you are on the winning team.

**Pray:**

Lord I than you for paying the price for my freedom. Please Father take my situation where I am right now and use it for Good. Amen.

**Action:**

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