


A scenic landscape featuring a range of snow-capped mountains in the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees in the middle ground, and a calm lake in the foreground that perfectly reflects the mountains and trees. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

# SERMON





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ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.**

**ROMANS 8:28**

**IBCP Church Motto 2020**



## 20-20 vision

“the ability to see perfectly without needing to wear glasses or contact lenses”



## **IBCP Motto 2020 - Romans 8:28**

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## Romans 8:28-39

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

<sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

<sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

<sup>32</sup> 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?

<sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.



## Romans 8:28-39

<sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.'

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# Romans 8:28: AND WE KNOW...

## The train of faith

### THE TRAIN DIAGRAM



This diagram modified from Dr. Bill Bright's diagram found in the Four Spiritual Laws.

## What's pulling your train?

# Romans 8:28: IN ALL THINGS

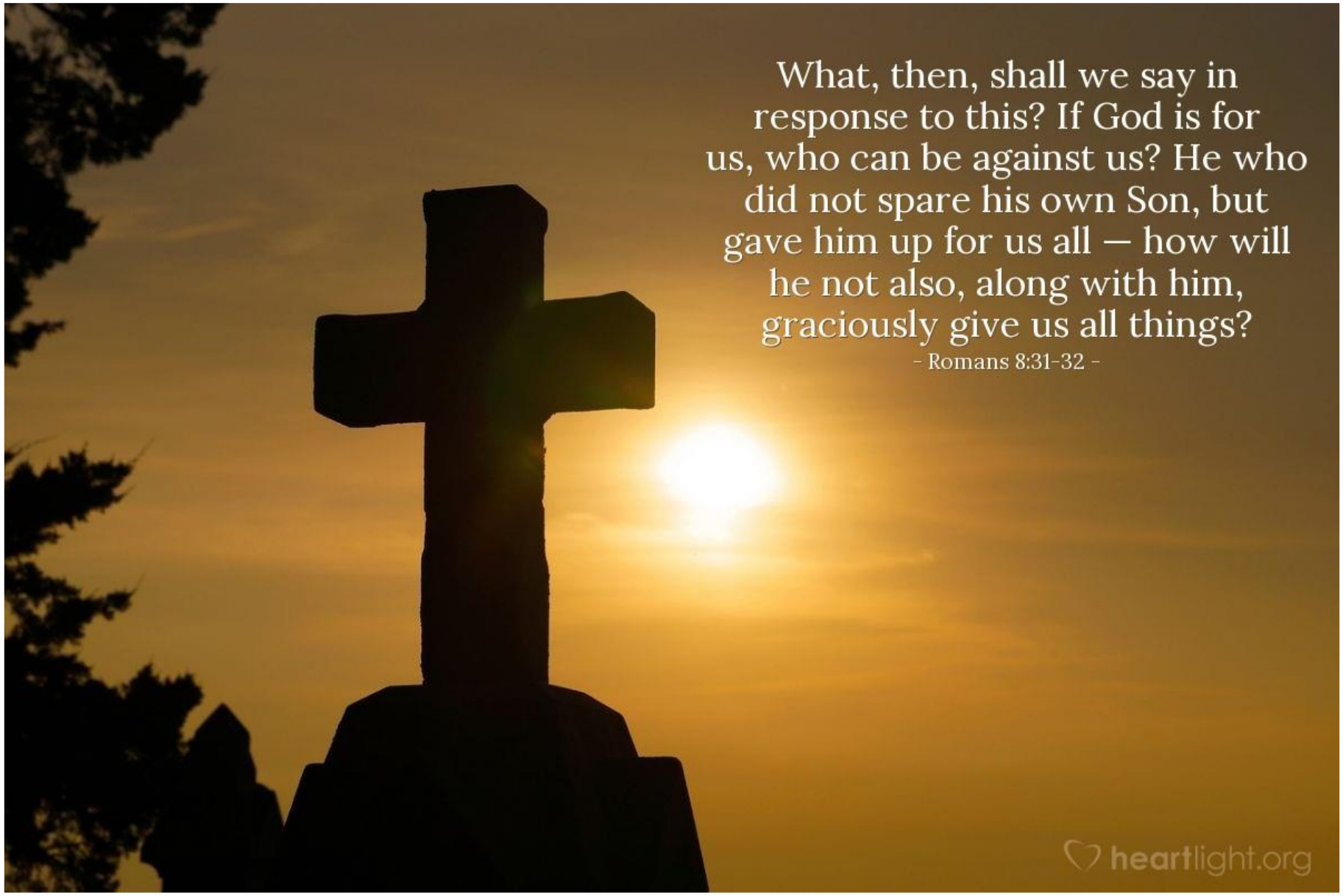
## Genesis 50:20



But Joseph said to them:  
‘Don’t be afraid.  
Am I in the place of God?  
You intended to harm me,  
but God intended it  
for good to accomplish  
what is now being done,  
the saving of many lives.’



# Romans 8:28: GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD



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- Romans 8:31-32 -

## Romans 8:28: GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD

My life is but a weaving between my God and me;  
I cannot choose the colours He worketh steadily.  
Oft times He weaveth sorrow, and I in foolish pride  
forget He sees the upper, and I the underside.

Not till the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly  
will God unfold the canvas and reveal the reason why  
the dark threads are as needful in the Weaver's skilful hand  
as the threads of gold and silver in the pattern he has planned.  
He knows, He loves, He cares. Nothing this truth can dim.  
He gives the very best to those who leave the choice to Him.



# **Romans 8:28: GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD**

## **Romans 8:29**

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

## **2 Corinthians 3:18**

And we... are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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## 20-20 vision

- How is your spiritual vision?
- Is anything clouding your vision?
- Are you wearing God's lenses?

To  
God  
be the Glory!