

A Heart for God

Lesson Nine

1. In what way are Paul's words in Romans 8:31-39 made more meaningful in light of his testimony in 2 Corinthians 11:23-29?

2. According to Ferguson, if Paul had been asked, "*What kept you going? What was it about God's saving grace that helped you persevere?*" what might his response have been? What would your response be to the same question?

3. What three evidences of God's grace and salvation does Ferguson glean from Paul's words in Romans 8:32?

a.

b.

c.

4. Apart from His crucifixion, what are some other examples from Jesus' life which prove that He was not spared by His Father?

5. In what way might Paul have viewed God's not sparing his Son as unnatural? Do you agree?

6. Did Christ deserve to be spared by the Father? What does your answer indicate about the “fairness” of the gospel?

7. According to Ferguson, Paul’s saying that Jesus was “given up” or “handed over” is especially noteworthy in that the expression “signifies three central things about the way in which Christ’s death brings salvation.” In the space below, identify and comment on these three things:

a.

b.

c.

8. In what way does the Father’s provision of His only Son render Him completely trustworthy when it comes to everything that happens in our own lives?

Next Week: *Chapter 7 – God Only Wise*