

***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further***  
***International Bible Lessons***

**Romans 5:6-11 & Romans 8:31-39**

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

**Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

**1. What were we like when Christ died for us?**

Powerless, ungodly, sinners, God’s enemies.

**2. How much of your relationship with God depends on Jesus Christ and His life, death, and resurrection? Give a reason with your answer.**

All of my relationship depends on Jesus Christ because I have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God. I am saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ; therefore, I love God and want to obey God and maintain the relationship with God that God has called me to have with Him through Christ. The Holy Spirit within me helps me have a right relationship with God day-by-day, so every good thing I do depends on God.

**3. What does it mean to you to be justified and glorified?**

For me, to be justified means I know I am forgiven by God and I am and will be declared right by God and with God because of the grace of God in Jesus Christ who died and rose again for me—I trust in Jesus Christ for my eternal salvation.

For me, to be glorified means I know God has cleansed me from sin and has sanctified me (set me apart for His holy use) and will continue to help me grow in grace and conform to His will so I can show forth the glory of Christ in this life and be enabled to

show for His glory forever when He has given me a resurrected, glorified, and perfected human body, mind, and spirit for eternity.

**4. What reason did Paul give for us to believe “that God would graciously give us all things” (Romans 8:32)?**

God did not spare His Son but gave Him up for us all.

**5. Why can no one succeed with God if they bring a charge against us or condemn us as a Christian? Give a reason for your answer.**

God has chosen and justified us as Christians. Christ died and rose again for us. Christ is at the right hand of God and He is interceding for us as Christians. The Holy Spirit is within us praying for us. God loves us and nothing can separate us from His love in Christ Jesus.

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