

SMALL GROUP LESSON

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

GOD IS FOR US

ROMANS 8:31-39

Although some people claim that the first Thanksgiving celebration took place right here in Virginia, most of us think of the Pilgrims in Massachusetts at this time of year. Having survived through a very difficult winter, they were nevertheless very thankful for God's blessings as they gathered together for a festive celebration with their Indian friends. Perhaps they even read the passage of Scripture that is the focus of this week's sermon. So let's take a look at what Paul wrote.

1. If you had to condense the message of salvation into just one phrase, what would you say or write? Why not give it a try. How would you summarize what God has done for us? Then take a look at what Paul has to say in Romans 8:31. What was his summary?

2. Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday, fortunately still free from most of the advertising mania that takes place during the Christmas season. It's a time for us to be thankful for all of the blessings that God has so richly bestowed upon us. With that in mind, here is something that you can do during this Thanksgiving holiday. In Romans 8:31-39, Paul lists numerous reasons why we can be assured that God is for us. Read through these verses and write down as many of these reasons as you can find. Then spend some time in prayer, expressing your thankfulness to God for all of the ways that He has shown us that He really is for us. And here is another idea that you might want to observe, especially as we gather together to celebrate Thanksgiving. As your friends and family gather together for the big meal, take a few moments to read Romans 8:31-39. Then share your listing of the ways God has shown that He is for us. Conclude with a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help this year's Thanksgiving holiday to be a more meaningful and memorable occasion.