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God For Us.

Finally, He has given you two precious promises. Phil.1:6, "He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." Rom.8:39, "[nothing] will be able to separate [you] from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Rom.8:31, "If God is for us, who is against us?"

Most believe that God is for them. It is simply inconceivable that God could be against them. What they do not realize is that they are against God. Rom.8:7 says they are "hostile toward God." They are active enemies of God. They do "not subject [themselves] to the law of God. They live in disobedience to God. They are rebels against God. And so God is against them.

If you are against God and God is against you, that is not a good way to start the year. King Saul knew the great fear of having God against him. (1Sam.28:15-16). Daniel understood the seriousness of this. When he interpreted the king's dream he became alarmed and said to the king, "My lord, if only the dream applied to those who hate you and its interpretation to your adversaries!" (Dan.4:19). God cannot be thwarted. (Job.42:2). If God cannot be thwarted and He is against you, then who can help you?

But what a comforting thought it is to know that in starting 2010 that God is for you! If you are in Christ (2Cor.5:17), God is for you. You are in the One He loves most. (Jn.3:35). If you are in Christ, it means you are not against God; you are not an enemy of God; you are not a rebel against God; you have been justified in Christ; your sins have been forgiven; you are God's new creation; you are a child of God; you are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ. (Rom.8:16-17).

If God is for you, He is with you continually. His Holy Spirit has indwelt you. (1Cor.6:19; Rom.8:11). He leads you and guides you. He gives you strength to live, to face trials, testing and temptations. He says, "My grace is sufficient for you." He gives you with liberality the wisdom that comes from above. He comforts you, encourages you, and builds you. He has given you His word and in it He has "granted you to [you] everything that pertains to life and godliness."