


“What If”  
If Sermon Series  
April 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Introduction: Week 1 – “If Only” - “Your greatest regret won’t be the things you did but wish you hadn’t. Your greatest regret will be the things you didn’t do but wish you had.”--Mark Batterson  
Week 2 – “As If” Live **as if** the SPIRIT lives in you. Christ does!  
This Week – “What If” God is really \_\_\_\_\_ me? What then?

- I. Romans 8:18, The Christian life involves s \_\_\_\_\_.  
Romans 8:22-23, Paul says that Christians are p \_\_\_\_\_!  
(24-25) Therefore, we are to be p \_\_\_\_\_ and p \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. What if we don’t know what to do? Romans 8:26-27  
The S \_\_\_\_\_ helps us much like “power-steering” helps us.  
We still have a part to play!
- III. God works \_\_\_\_\_ things together for good for those who love God. Romans 8:28, Do you love God? \_\_\_\_\_
- IV. “\_\_\_\_\_ God is f \_\_\_\_\_ us, who is against us?” Romans 8:31  
Paul is writing as a radically Jewish mono-theist = \_\_\_\_\_ God!  
Paul saying God is greater than Abraham in verse 32.  
(34) The risen Jesus has/is currently/ and will s \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
Salvation is p \_\_\_\_\_, p \_\_\_\_\_ and future. (35)  
(36) It was d \_\_\_\_\_ and d \_\_\_\_\_ as a 1<sup>st</sup> Century Christian.  
(37) In Jesus, our future is s \_\_\_\_\_!  
(38-39) What can separate you from the love of God? \_\_\_\_\_
- V. Therefore:  
**What if** you stopped letting f \_\_\_\_\_ dictate your decisions?  
**What if** the circumstances you’re asking God to c \_\_\_\_\_ are the very circumstances God is using to c \_\_\_\_\_ you?”
-  **What if** we became known more for what we’re \_\_\_\_\_ than what we’re against? Less criticism, more creating!
- Action Step: What’s Your “What If?” \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your “God-sized” dream? \_\_\_\_\_  
What would God need to do? What \_\_\_\_\_ step will you take?

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For God’s *What If*  
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So don’t you see that we don’t owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There’s nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God’s Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It’s adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike “What’s next, Papa?” God’s Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what’s coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we’re certainly going to go through the good times with him!

Romans 8: 12-17 (MSG)



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