



# Justapreacher Ministries

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. — 2 Timothy 4:1-2

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## God is For Us

In Romans 8:31, Paul says, “If God be for us, who can be against us?” Yet, sadly, many Christians today struggle with the idea of God being *for* them. They look at their struggle with sin and assume that God must not love them as much as He does others who are “more obedient”. Many Christians think that even if God does love them, He surely can’t *like* them very much. They look at the suffering in their lives and it causes them to come to the conclusion that God is angry with them, or that He is making them

pay for their sins (even though the Bible says that Jesus paid for *all* of their sins). In their minds, God cannot be *for* them, or else life wouldn’t be going the way it is.

Let me give you two quick thoughts to help you if you struggle in this way.

#1) Jesus died for you when you were His enemy. [Romans 5:10] There was nothing good about you then, and He gave tremendous grace to you. Why do you think you have to be “good” to

get any grace from Him now that you are His child?

#2) Suffering is one of God’s major tools to shape us into the image of Jesus. Knowing all this is why we can rejoice in our suffering as Scripture says to. If we know that because of Jesus and our being *in Him* that God is *for us*, we will look at suffering as something that God is using to conform us more and more into the image of Jesus!

Let me say this one more time. Christian, GOD IS FOR YOU!

# Many Thanks

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## Family Snapshot

As many of you know, our oldest, Nicole, is at University of Central Florida this year. God has blessed her with a quick mind, so her classes have been fairly easy for her. The Lord also blessed her with wonderful roommates. We are thankful.

Elise is sixteen, and in her 4th semester of classes at Brevard Community College as a dual-enrolled high school student. She is earning straight A’s like her sister. She recently began working at Chick-fil-A at the Melbourne Square Mall.

AJ is growing like a big weed. He is 6’1” and probably isn’t done. He played basketball this year, and is taking up golf. He also is enriching himself musically, taking voice, trumpet and guitar. He is a good student, too. As Jim likes to joke, “The beatings are paying off.”

## Preaching Schedule Now Available on Website

Since it is already February, we thought it might be good to finally get around to publishing the first newsletter of 2013. You will notice some slight changes to the newsletter this year that we are very excited about.

Jim’s preaching schedule will no longer be a part of the newsletter. We have added a new page to our website that lists where Jim is scheduled to preach. This way people who are interested in looking to see if Jim will be in their area of the country won’t have to read the newsletter to find that out. This also helps us keep the preaching schedule updated as Jim’s invites

arise. (Make sure to check the preaching schedule regularly, as we can more easily alert folks of any last-minute additions to the schedule.)

Jim will have more room to write a Bible-teaching article in each newsletter now that he doesn’t have to save space for the upcoming schedule. Becky will also have some room for a family corner and some photos. She will try to keep everyone up to date with our family’s adventures in this life of following Jesus in a full-time travelling ministry. We hope you enjoy the changes and benefits of the re-designed newsletter.