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“If God is  
for us,  
who is  
against  
us?”

## *God is for us*

Many people believe and put their trust in luck, fate, or karma; they also try to get these "forces" on their side to work for them in fulfilling the plans they have made and in manipulating the circumstances they depend on. This is a baseless belief in a vague force. For a Christian, things are completely different. He knows that it's not a force, an idea, or a man that is on his side, but the true God, the One who wisely rules the entire world. **Still, what does it**

Romans 8:31 captures the glorious reality of the covenant relationship that God initiated with man. It is a penetrating, solid theological statement, a basis for the Christian's hope for this life and for the one to come. The beginning reiterates the majesty of the true God and that is because Paul wants his readers to constantly keep in mind the glorious image of the God of Scripture as they go through the lines. ***If God is for us...*** The God who commands and whose words come into being, the God who designed our bodies and sustains our lives, the God whose voice makes the nations stagger and the earth tremble, that God ***is for us!*** The same God who called Abraham, who parted the Red Sea, who led the people of Israel in the wilderness and who delivered people like Joseph, David and Daniel ***is for us!*** The God who made Himself known through miracles, through His people and also through His Son at the right time, ***He is for us!*** The God who raised Jesus from the dead is for us! What a glorious truth! Paul's logic is simple: If God is who He says He is, if Scripture is true, and if this God is for us, then who can stand against us?

Far from being a mere theological statement, this verse captures the heart of the doctrine of the adoption. Although our sins once set God against us, now, as children of the Father, God is on our side – He is for us. This means that we are accepted, but not in the sense of being tolerated by Him; we are much more than that, we are loved! The reality of adoption is this: God is for us. In the same way that a father is for his family – he loves, cares for, defends and represents them –, God is for us! Just as the father of a family bound himself to it by love and covenant, in the same way God bound himself to us. ***Who will be against us?***

The idea continues in the following verses of Romans 8: “Who will separate us from the love of Christ? *Will* tribulation, or trouble, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? Just as it is written: ‘For Your sake we are killed all day long; we were regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.’ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.” ***Because God is for us...***

Along with apostle Paul, we are also fully convinced that God, through Jesus Christ, is on our side, that our sins no longer put a wall of separation between us and Him and that we have free entrance to the One who loves us!

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***Countryside Mission (June 18-26, 2022)***

**Emanuel University, resumed its activity with fresh forces.** Through the mercy of God, during the period of June 18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, three teams made up of brothers and sisters from Romania, the United States and other European countries served through evangelism, VBS activities and practical help the communities of Scornicești (Olt), Satu Nou (Bacău) and the community of Ukrainian refugees in Cluj-Napoca. We are grateful for the support of the Romanian Baptist Churches in Cleveland, Atlanta, and Chicago, who supported us with human resources in this ministry.

During this period, we were overwhelmed by the joy of seeing how the young people who accompanied us dedicate themselves to the work of God and mature in the field of the Gospel, forgetting about phones, social media and getting involved body and soul in a work that brings glory to God. **This is one of Countryside's goals: to develop a missionary lifestyle, to form disciples with strong characters, who make themselves available to God's call.** The students from Emanuel University got involved in the Countryside Mission again this year and we hope that in the coming years even more of them will taste the beauty of the missionary life. During that week of intense activity, I felt that we were a family striving for a common goal, even though we served in different locations, and that goal is the glory of God in the salvation of souls. The word of God has been sown in hundreds of souls, small and great, and we believe that, by God's grace, in due time we will enjoy the fruits. We urge you to continue to support Countryside Mission in prayer and pray that those who have heard the gospel will be renewed through being born again!

**Gaius Văduva, Director  
UEO Development Office**





## *Meet our professors!*



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### **Lecturer dr. Silvia Fotea**

The move towards the academic field as a profession happened gradually, as I got involved in volunteer actions in the various activities of Emanuel University. As a Management graduate, I started my career in the private sector, in the field of business consulting. I had the opportunity to collaborate with a dynamic team on business consulting projects, market research and training programs for the development of human resources, especially from the IT sector.

After completing my bachelor's and master's studies, I was asked to get involved in the various projects of the Emanuel University in Oradea, a request to which I responded positively. This was because of the satisfaction I felt as a result of the education I received at this university and also because of the desire to have a contribution to this beautiful and important work of investing in future generations.

Within this institution, I had the chance to work with the students of the Faculty of Management, which offered me many opportunities for learning and development in terms of teaching. I have also collaborated with the collective of this faculty in numerous research projects. All these dimensions of the collaboration with the academic environment of Emanuel University opened my horizon towards this professional field.

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constantly try to create contexts, projects and opportunities that allow students to use all their skills and talents, which expose them to new, different experiences, and that take them out of their comfort zone.

**Lecturer dr. Silvia Fotea**

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## *Stories of Faith*



At Emanuel University I understood that obeying God and remaining in His will are blessed, and what He blesses, remains blessed.

**Patricia Clapa, Letters III**

**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will advise you with My eye upon you”** (Psalm 32:8). Ever since the beginning of high school I was convinced that I wanted to study at Emanuel University, but I wasn't sure which department to choose. However, I was certain that this is where I would train for the future.

Things got dicey in the latter part of 12th grade because worry and insecurity crept into my heart; thus, I began to wonder what the right place to study was. I began to pray, and God answered me in two clear ways. First, I found the verse from the Psalms in which God promised to show me the path I would have to follow; while walking this path His gaze is constantly upon my life. Secondly, the other confirmation was when some friends decided to pay for the first year of studies at UEO. That is how I chose to come here. I am now a third-year student at Emanuel University, in the Letters section.

I am thankful for the environment God has put me in, realizing that this is the right place where God is polishing my character and life. It is the place where I can develop academically under the guidance of professors who have a dedicated heart to prepare us for our careers, while being our friends and mentors; oftentimes, they offer beneficial professional and life advice. At the same time, by coming to Emmanuel University, God surrounded me with people who pursue righteousness and peace and that is how I made healthy friendships which are in the will of God. **It is here that I understood that obeying God and remaining in His will are blessed, and what He blesses, remains blessed.**

**Patricia Clapa,  
Letters III**

## *Be part of the vision!*

Throughout the year, the Scholarship Fund helps EU students by providing them with financial support as they study and volunteer. Gifts of all sizes bolster the collective strength of the Scholarship Fund and give the students the opportunity to focus on becoming the Christian teachers, musicians, social workers, business and IT leaders, and missionaries which the world so desperately needs. You can help them by joining the group of people who faithfully have financially supported the Scholarship Fund.

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