

9 Tell a lot about a society by what it talks about on T-shirts & bumper stickers  
WHAT SHALL WE SAY TO THESE THINGS

Romans 8:31-39 These ~~the~~ latter day philosophers are of despair, cynicism, emptiness.

INIRO: Boy in Denney's w/ T-shirt: "I really feel good about myself."

Bumper stickers: The new American philosophers — the only means of expression today to the individual. AND THEY EXPRESS OUR FEELING ABOUT OUR WORLD — "Life is tough — then you die!"; "It's too late to late to plan, but not too late to panic!"

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We step back and take a look at life and then — "What shall we say to these things?" AGE OF PESSIMISM. (Karl Marx: We are victims of forces beyond our control. We are nothing but spectators of a developing situation which we are helpless to influence in any way. Invisible and irresistible forces that determine human existence.

Man is alienated from himself, fellow men, nature, himself and God.

But for the Christian: Like an artist who has just laid the final brush stroke on a painting, he steps back to view it — What then shall we say to these things? — look at canvas: what is fitting to say  
Paul says it all in one statement  
What the lost man says to his things

What the Christian says to these things that God has done. What is our response: A hymn of praise and triumph. WHAT SHALL WE SAY?

- 1. GOD IS FOR US. 1. The language is does not emphasize X's death as much as the extent of O's commitment to you. 2. "I'm committed to you"
- 3. But here man commitment - ἑαυτοῦ - in stead of, word of substitution

The enemies = famine, etc. Just the wear & tear of everyday living tends to make a sense of isolation, loneliness, etc. — separate from source of O's binding love.