

Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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“The Love That Will Not Let Me Go” Romans 8:31-39



Introduction:

I. THE FOUNDATION OF OUR HOPE (vs. 31-32)

A. Contemplating the Fact (vs. 31)

“What then shall we say to these things?”

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

“The key to the believer's security is: ‘God is for us.’ What He has done for us through His Son in the past, and what He is doing for us through the Spirit in the present, should give us confidence as we look forward to the future. He will certainly complete His work of salvation by glorifying us in the future. Nobody and nothing can stand in His way....”

– Thomas Constable

B. Collecting the Evidence (vs. 32)

“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all...” (Romans 5:9-10)

“...how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”

II. THE FULLNESS OF OUR HOPE (vs. 33-34)

A. Defeating Every Adversary (vs. 33)

“Who will bring a charge against God's elect?”

“God is the one who justifies...”

B. The Defense of Our Advocate (vs. 34)

“...who is the one who condemns?”

“Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us”

III. THE FINAL OUTCOME OF OUR HOPE (vs. 35-39)

A. No Fear Should Overtake Us (vs. 35-37)

“Who will separate us from the love of Christ?”

“Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?”

II Corinthians 11:23-28

“Just as it is written, ‘FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.’ ”

Psalm 44:22

“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.”

B. No Foe Can Overcome Us (vs. 38-39)

“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, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Philippians 1:6

Conclusion: (summing up Romans 8)

- 1) In Christ, I am free from any condemnation.
- 2) In Christ, I have kept the righteous requirements of the Law.
- 3) In Christ, I am obligated to be led by the Spirit.
- 4) In Christ, I am a child of God, and a coheir with Christ.
- 5) In Christ, I will be redeemed from this cursed creation.
- 6) In Christ, I am certain of my eternal glorification.
- 7) In Christ, I fear nothing either in or out of this world.

Food for Thought:

- 1) What does it mean to you that “God is for us”?
- 2) Does my behavior match my position of righteousness before God?
- 3) As an adopted member of the family of God, how would you rate your contribution to the family?
- 4) What practical difference should the promise of future glorification make on your present physical, mental, and emotional condition?