

Series: Rest Secure - Romans 8:31-39

Message: Who Can Separate Us From The Love Of God?

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Romans 8:31-39

³¹ *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?*

³² *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?*

³³ *Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;*

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.*

³⁵ *Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

³⁶ *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."*

³⁷ *But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.*

³⁸ *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,*

³⁹ *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.*

"Who Shall Separate Us From The Love Of God?"

Romans 5:5-8, 10

⁵ *and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

⁶ *For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.*

⁷ *For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.*

⁸ *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

¹⁰ *For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

Ephesians 5:25-27

²⁵ *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,*

²⁶ *so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,*

²⁷ *that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.*

1) The Love Of Christ Does Not Eliminate Hardship And Suffering.

Luke 21:16

¹⁶ *"But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death,*

Romans 8:36

³⁶ 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."

Romans 8:37

³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

2) The Love Of Christ Can Not Be Diminished Or Withdrawn From A Believer.

Philippians 1:6

⁶ For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

3) The Love Of Christ Enables Believers To Be Super-conquerors.

Romans 8:37

³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

2 Corinthians 4:17

¹⁷ For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

Romans 5:3-5

³ And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

⁴ and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

⁵ and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

James 1:2-4

² *Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,*
³ *knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.*
⁴ *And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

John Piper, sermon from May 10, 1985

Affliction raised his sword to cut off the head of Paul's faith. But instead the hand of faith snatched the arm of affliction and forced it to cut off another part of this worldliness. And so affliction is made the servant of godliness and humility and love. And in this way it is forced to be Paul's slave and to prepare for him an even greater weight of glory than he would have ever had without the fight.

Ephesians 3:14-19

¹⁴ *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,*
¹⁵ *from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,*
¹⁶ *that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,*
¹⁷ *so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,*
¹⁸ *may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,*
¹⁹ *and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.*

Psalms 147:11

¹¹ *The LORD favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His lovingkindness.*

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose"

2 Cor. 5:21

21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

"I will not, I will not desert to its foes;"

Deuteronomy 31:8

⁸ "The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

"That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,"

Matthew 16:18b

¹⁸ "... upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."

"I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

Hebrews 13:5b

⁵ ... for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"