

This is a Test.

From Romans chapter 5-8 Paul has been building his case that salvation is through Christ alone. Chapter 8 began by telling us that believers are no longer under condemnation and he spent the greater part of chapter 8 showing us that nothing in this life contradicts that glorious truth.

In these final verses of Chapter 8, Paul will ask a series of questions regarding our salvation. The point of this section is to give the believer absolute assurance that his salvation is completely secure and there is nothing in this world or the next which can undo what God has done.

#### Assurance of Salvation (Romans 8:31-39)

##### I. Nothing Can Disrupt God's Care for Us (v. 31)

- A. "What then shall we say to these things?" – refers to all Paul has said in Chapter 8 about the perfect salvation of God
- B. "If God is for us who can be against us?"
  - 1. We have already been told that all things are working for our good
  - 2. Even the bad things work for our own good
- C. Because God is for us (literally "on our behalf") no one can come against us and prosper.
  - 1. God uses evil for our good
  - 2. So even when evil happens to us God uses it for good.
    - a. He did it for Job
    - b. He did it for Joseph
    - c. He does it for you
- D. God is "for you" in Christ –
  - 1. You are no longer an enemy of God
  - 2. He is your protector, Father, and champion

##### II. Nothing Has Been Withheld from Us in Christ (v. 32)

- A. God gave all He had (Himself)
- B. How could we think there is something greater God isn't willing to give
  - 1. He freely gives us "all things" with Christ
  - 2. We have perfection in Christ
  - 3. We have perfect righteousness in Christ
  - 4. There is nothing else God has to give to grant us his favor and blessing

##### III. Nothing Can Challenge God's Salvation (v. 33)

- A. No one can lay a charge against believers
  - 1. There are many who accuse believers
    - a. Satan accuses us
    - b. Our conscience accuses us
    - c. The world accuses us
  - 2. God is the Judge and the Judge has ruled in our favor
    - a. The judge has declared us not guilty
    - b. Any accusation of guilt is meaningless

- c. The judge will no longer hear accusations
- d. The judge has given his verdict

#### IV. Nothing Can Overturn Christ's Intercession (v. 34)

##### A. No one can condemn us anymore

- 1. Because Christ has already died to pay the price
- 2. Because Christ has already been risen from the dead
  - a. Notice it doesn't say Christ rose but Christ was raised
  - b. The Father raised Him showing that His sacrifice was accepted
  - c. Because Christ's death was accepted there is no sin which has not been paid for in the believer's life
  - d. Therefore no one can condemn us
- 3. Because Christ continually intercedes for us
  - a. He is seated at the right hand of the Father
  - b. He intercedes with His sacrifice
  - c. Can you imagine the Father not accepting His Son's sacrifice?
  - d. Then there is no way a single sin can be laid on our account

#### V. Nothing Can Separate us From Christ's Saving Love (v. 35-39)

##### A. No Amount of Suffering Can Remove His Salvation (v. 35)

- 1. Paul has already said believers will go through suffering
- 2. No amount of Suffering can remove God's love and favor
  - a. It may feel like it sometimes
  - b. God's salvation is not dependent on circumstances
  - c. No internal or external suffering can stop it

##### B. Nothing Can Stop Our Victory in Christ (v. 36-37)

- 1. Paul quotes Psalm 44:22 – believers are still persecuted
  - a. Believers all around the world are dying for Christ
  - b. Believers throughout history have died for Christ
- 2. Paul adds an important truth to our suffering
  - a. Even though we go through suffering we are more than conquerors through Christ
- 3. Paul says we are conquerors through "him that loved us"
  - a. How did he love us (past tense?)
  - b. by dying and rising from the grave
  - c. by presenting his sacrifice to the Father to pay for sin
  - d. This "love" is salvation not just a "feeling"
  - e. We conquer all the suffering of life by our salvation
  - f. We are children of God – reserved for glory

##### C. Nothing Can Remove Us From Christ's Salvation (38-39)

- 1. Death or Life cannot separate us
  - a. Death doesn't separate us it brings us closer to Christ
- 2. Cosmic or Supernatural Powers Cannot Separate us
  - a. Angels or Principalities refer to angels, demons, or any spiritual part of the supernatural world can separate us
- 3. Time and Space cannot separate us
  - a. There is nothing present or future that can separate us

- i. Nothing that “is” or ever will be can separate us
  - b. There is no height or depth that can separate us
    - i. there is nothing hiding somewhere that can remove you from Christ.
    - ii. nothing yet to be discovered or somewhere we can reach.
4. Nothing Created can separate us
- a. Can you think of anything that is not created other than God?
    - i. There is nothing
  - b. Nothing in the universe can separate us
  - c. This “love,” this salvation comes through Jesus Christ