

GOD FOR US: A Study in Romans 8

Convinced of God's Love - Romans 8:35-39

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I. In Christ (v.1, v.39)

- All of God's promises are yes in Christ (2 Cor. 1:20).
- Only those who truly know Christ as Savior and Lord are in Christ.
- Are you in Christ or in Adam? (1 Cor. 15:22)

II. Glorious promises for those in Christ (vs.28-34)

- God is always in control, always good, and always working for the good (v.28).
- Our greatest good is to become more like Christ (v.29).
- There is an unbroken chain from predestination to glorification (v.30).
- God is always for us according to his holy, sovereign will (v.31).
- God will give us what glorifies him and is for our good (v.32).
- No one can bring a charge of condemnation against those in Christ (v.33).
- Jesus is interceding for those in Christ (v.34).

III. Nothing can separate those in Christ from the love of God (vs. 35-39)

- Trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, or sword cannot separate us from God's love in Christ (v.35; 2 Cor. 11:23-30).
- Suffering is a normal part of the Christian life (v.36; Phil. 1:29; 2 Cor. 12:10).
- We can be more than conquerors through God's love (v.37).
- Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Christ (v.38; Phil. 1:21).
- Neither angels nor demons can separate us from the love of God in Christ (v.38; Heb. 1:14; Job 1 and 2).
- Neither the present nor the future can separate us from the love of God in Christ (v.38; Rom. 28-29).
- No power can separate us from the love of God in Christ (v.38).
- Neither height nor depth can separate us from the love of God in Christ (v.39; Psalm 139:7-8).
- NOTHING can separate us from the love of God in Christ (v.39; John 10:28-29).

KNOW: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

DO: Pour your life circumstances into Romans 8:38-39 and trust God's promises so that you will glorify God in all things. Thank God daily for the overwhelming, incredible, undeserved, and amazing promise that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Recommended Reading:

Trusting God, Jerry Bridges

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Romans 8:35-39

1. What was most encouraging and/or convicting about the sermon?
2. To whom do the promises in verses 28-39 belong? Why are they not for everyone?
3. How can verses 35-39 motivate you to glorify God regardless of your trials?
4. How can knowing everything Paul went through (2 Corinthians 11:23-30; 12:7-10) and yet he still remained convinced of God's love help you?
5. How can suffering be good for us? What is our greatest good?
6. Are you living under your circumstances or looking down on them from God's perspective? How can we be more than conquerors as verse 37 teaches?
7. What specific life circumstances do you need to pour into verses 38-39 and trust that it cannot separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus?
8. Go through each of the things mentioned in verses 38-39 and discuss why they cannot separate those in Christ from the love of God.