

## The Book of Romans

### The Gospel of God

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

<sup>32</sup> 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?

<sup>33</sup> Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

<sup>34</sup> 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.

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

<sup>36</sup> 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."

<sup>37</sup> But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

<sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:31-39)

## Romans 8:31-39

A Celebration of Our Security in Christ

"If God is for us..."

"Who is against us?" (v. 31)

"Who will bring a charge against God's elect?" (v.33)

"Who is the one who condemns?" (v. 34)

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (v.35)

## No Separation

### 1. No Adversity

- no adverse circumstance experienced by Christians can separate us from the love of Christ
- all these adversities have the potential of destroying our faith in Christ...but they cannot!

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### [ No Exemptions]

- Christians are not exempt from these adversities, but experience them in greater measure for Lord's sake (Psalm 44:22)

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### 2. No Defeat

- we do not merely endure or escape these adversities but are completely victorious in them
- these adversities not only do us no spiritual harm but they work for our ultimate good

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### 3. No Exceptions

- Paul covers the whole range of created things – none can separate us from God's love!

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- *death or life* – two states of existence
- *angles or rulers* – all spiritual beings, good or evil
- *present or future* – all circumstances or events
- *height or depth* – the entire universe
- *any other created thing* – no exceptions!

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### ➤ *"from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"*

- the love of God and the love of Christ are inseparable
- this saving, enduring love of God is found only in Christ Jesus