

## Nothing Can Separate Us From God's Love

*Romans 8:31-39*

**Thought for the Day:** The only thing that can prevent us from experiencing God's love for us is our refusal to accept it.

Romans 8 begins with the declaration that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. It concludes with the promise that nothing can separate us from God's love. And in the middle is the assurance that God is using all the circumstances of our life to make us more like His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**31 What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?**

When you consider all that God has done for you in providing for your salvation (vss. 28-30) what is your response?

There are many things in life that are against us, but since God is for us, we're on the winning side—nothing can prevail against us!

**32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?**

What more could God do to prove His love for us?

In addition to our salvation, what more does God want to give us?

**33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.**

God is the only One who has any standing in the court of heaven to bring any charge against us. Why can we be confident that He will not do so?

**34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**

Satan and other people and our own conscience bring accusations against us but only God has the authority to condemn us. Why can we be confident that the promise of Romans 8:1 applies to us?

**35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?**

This verse is an autobiography of Paul's own life! He (and we) may have felt like God had abandoned him in the midst of such experiences. Why could he (and we) be confident that that was not the case?

**36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."**

Why would Paul be willing to "face death all day long" and to put himself in situations where he felt like a sacrificial lamb for the Lord's sake? What are you willing to give up for the Lord's sake?

**37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

Can you *be* a conqueror without *feeling* like a conqueror? So, in what way are we conquerors in Christ? What has He conquered on our behalf? How can we enjoy the benefits of His conquest?

**38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

How might these things tempt us to believe that God no longer loves us? What do we need to do to have the same confidence that Paul had about God's love for him?