
ROMANS 8:31-39

The Security of the Love of God

What does it mean that God's love is secure?

CONTEXT

Paul's Treatise on Salvation

- Rom 1–3** All are sinful; all stand under judgment.
- Rom 3–5** Salvation by grace through faith in Christ.
- Rom 6** Freed from sin to become slaves of Christ.
- Rom 7** Yet not sinless this side of heaven.
- Rom 8** The riches of salvation — the Spirit, adoption, glory.

[30] And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

These are “these things” — the glorious truths Paul has been unfolding.

[31] What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

We stand secure in our salvation because of God's love for us that keeps us to the end.

OUTLINE

Nothing Can Separate Us

1 **People** cannot separate us from the love of God *vv. 31–34*

2 **Circumstances** cannot separate us from the love of God *vv. 35–37*

3 **Anything else** cannot separate us from the love of God *vv. 38–39*

PART 1

1

**People cannot separate us
from the love of God.**

Romans 8:31–34

[31] What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

“If” here = “since.” Not conditional — Paul is stating a reality.

If God is for you in something — who could possibly thwart His plan?



Genesis 50:20

“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.”

Not even man's sin can get in the way of God's sovereign plan.

CROSS-REFERENCE

Psalm 118:6

“The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

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

Romans 5:8, 10

“[8] God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us... [10] For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”

He died for us as enemies. How much more will He sustain us as children?

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

“All things” = all the grace we need to keep our faith until we die and go home to Him.

Jude 24

“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy...”

He is the one who keeps us — not us.

[33] Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

THE COURTROOM

The Judge is on Your Side

You stand guilty.

All the evidence points your way.

The Judge is for you.

The prosecution's case doesn't matter.

There is no higher court.

No Supreme Court above God.

The verdict: innocent.

Declared righteous by the only Judge that matters.

[34] Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

2 Corinthians 5:21

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

CROSS-REFERENCE

Romans 3:26

“...so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

God doesn't wave His hand at sin — He came and paid its penalty Himself.

RIGHT NOW, IN HEAVEN

Jesus is standing at the Father's right hand —
interceding for you like a perfect lawyer.



POINT 1

No person can separate us from the love of
God for us.



**Circumstances cannot separate
us from the love of God.**

Romans 8:35–37

[35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

THE SEVEN DANGERS

None of them can reach what God has secured.

Tribulation

External pressure pushing against us

Distress

An internal struggle of the soul

Persecution

Suffering for the name of Jesus

Famine

A lack of the food we need

Nakedness

A lack of basic clothing

Danger

Any life-threatening situation

Sword

The blade of an assassin — even death

[36] As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

“Kill me? Then I go home to my Lord.”
Even death cannot separate us from Christ.

WHAT AWAITS

If death can't separate us, nothing can.

Psalm 16:11

“fullness of joy... pleasures forevermore.”

Hebrews 12:23

Freed from sin-ridden flesh into eternal life.

Revelation 21:4

No more death, mourning, crying, or pain.

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

“More than conquerors” = one Greek word meaning “super-conquerors.”

Romans 8:28–29

“[28] For those who love God all things work together for good... [29] to be conformed to the image of his Son...”

The “good” God is working toward is our looking like Jesus.

CROSS-REFERENCE

Philippians 1:21

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Paul — shipwrecked three times, flogged five times, imprisoned often — was sure of this.

POINT 2

Whatever you're going through is light and momentary compared to the eternity that awaits in Christ.



PART 3

3

**Nothing can separate us
from the love of God.**

Romans 8:38–39

[38] For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

NEITHER ... NOR

neither death | nor life

The only two states you can be in. Neither can separate you.

NEITHER ... NOR

nor angels | **nor rulers**

Angels above or fallen powers below — neither reach far enough.



NEITHER ... NOR

**nor things
present** | **nor things to
come**

Nothing happening now. Nothing still ahead. That covers everything.

NOR

powers.

Not even a miracle could separate you from the love of Christ.

NEITHER ... NOR

nor height | **nor depth**

As far as east is from west — you still cannot outrun His love.



AND FINALLY

**“...nor anything else
in all creation.”**

Including you. If it were up to you to keep yourself saved — you wouldn't.



Jude 24

“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy...”

Through Christ, God will hold us fast to the end.

POINT 3

Nothing — absolutely nothing — can separate you from the keeping love of Christ.



CONCLUSION

Who is the safest person on planet Earth?

You and I — in Christ by faith — are the most secure people in the world.

The Lord Jesus Christ — sovereign over every bullet, and the one who carries us through death directly to His presence.

BIG IDEA

We stand secure in our salvation because of God's love for us that keeps us to the end.



APPLICATION

Take it to heart.

Rest.

He will give you all the grace you need to make it home.

Rejoice.

No circumstance — not even death — can unravel your salvation.

Savor.

Don't leave these promises as head knowledge. Treasure them.

POINT 3

Nothing — absolutely nothing — can separate you from the keeping love of Christ.



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The Security of the Love of God

Assurance that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For your group to discuss

1

How does the promise that God will keep you to the end sound to you? Share current or former reactions and/or struggles with this truth with your table.

2

Share of a trial or circumstance you went through where, in hindsight, you can see how God was using that to make you look more like Jesus (i.e sanctifying you)

3

Are you struggling with anything that doesn't feel "light and momentary" right now? If you feel comfortable, share with your table so they can be praying for you!
