

Salt Church

Romans 8:31-39

“Nothing Can Ever Separate Us”

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The Greatest Book Ever Written

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Recap last week:

29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

- I summed up these verses by saying this:
 - We may not fully understand all that the Holy Spirit is saying through the Apostle Paul.
 - But if we are children of God, we must accept what He has said.
 - **God knew his people in advance**
 - **He chose them to become like his Son**
 - **He called them to come to Him**
 - **He gave them right standing with Himself**
 - **He gave them His glory**

This is the transition for todays text

Romans 8:31-39

31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these?

- The whole point of the preceding verses is to blow our mind as it relates to our salvation.

If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

- I have heard this verse quoted so many times throughout my life.
- I never understood its context until I studied these verses.
 - The Holy Spirit is saying through Paul that even though Satan accuses us before God, God has made up His mind about us!

(side note)

- I absolutely believe that when the man or woman of God is walking in His ways, they are unstoppable.

32 Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?

- What is “everything else?”

33 Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself.

- Who is the accuser of God’s children? (Satan)
 - Not only Satan **but his children** do a pretty good job of pointing out the sin of God’s children.
 - This can be a good thing.
 - God uses them to wake up His own.

We must remember that Satan went to God to ask permission to test Peter.

- We must also remember that God initiated the conversation with Satan about Job.
 - Both were used to refine Peter and Job.
 - At the end of the day, we must remember “**for God himself has given us right standing with himself.**”
 - Thus, our eternal security rest in this truth.

34 Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading for us.

- We already know that there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.
- Paul through the power of the Holy Spirit reminds us that Jesus died for us and the proof that His sacrifice was accepted was Jesus’ resurrection.
- Furthermore, Jesus’ position at the right hand of God is another guarantee that we are secure and have nothing to fear as it relates to eternal security.
 - With every accusation of Satan, Jesus is there to say,
 - “I died for them,
 - I paid their penalty,
 - and God the Father has accepted my payment.

35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love?

- What the answer class?

- I will always be amazed at how many Christians struggle with eternal security.
 - I do have a theory.
 - Easy beliefism has destroyed sound doctrine.
 - We say things like:
 - “They said the prayer”
 - “They were baptized”
 - But what does the Bible say?

Let me ask you a question.

- What is the most critical attribute of a child of God?
 - **Faithfulness!!!!**
 - So, when someone walks away from the faith, and it doesn't bother them or
 - When they walk away and never return what is the evidence of their life?
 - Listen what the Apostle John has to say about this matter:

1 John 2:19-20

19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they were of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be manifested that they all are not of us. 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

It is as simple as it can be:

- Faithful people remain faithful to the end.

Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

- Let me say this another way.
 - If that statement were true God the Father, has never loved any human being including Jesus.
 - All of God's people will experience trouble, suffering, persecution and death.

36 (As the Scriptures say, “For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.”)

- Where does it say that and what is the context in which it was written?
 - Psalms 44:22
 - If you read that chapter, you will find it is a chapter addressed to God's people who have rebelled against Him.
 - It is a chapter that lays the great links in which God goes to get the attention of His rebellious people.
 - The point is this:
 - God will allow the slaughter of His faithful to gain the attention of the rebellious.
 - He does this with the full knowledge of how it will work out.
 - He does this knowing that death for the child of God is a reward.

- He does this because the blood of the martyr waters the seed of evangelism and faithfulness.
- He does this because everything in creation is His and He owes no excuse for anything that He does.

37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

- AMEN!
 - This also confirms what we already know.
 - That Christians all over the world are murdered for their faith every year.
 - But I promise you this, none of them regret giving their life for the cause of Christ.

Here comes two of my most favorite verses!!!!

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

- Pay attention to the things that cannot separate us.

Neither death nor life,

- Christians live and we die (this is going to continue to happen)

neither angels nor demons,

- Angels and demons are real, and they will continue to do what they do.

neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—

- Our fears for today and our worries about tomorrow will continue even if we are Christians.

not even the powers of hades can separate us from God's love.

- All of the evil of Hades,
- All of the darkness that flow from it,
- Satan and all of his power
 - Cannot separate us from God's love.
 - Did you catch that subtle difference?
 - Before it was Christ love and now it's God's love.
 - Why is that important?

Listen to Jesus explain this very thing:

John 10:25-29

25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these bear witness of Me. 26 But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish—ever; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. 30 I and the Father are one.”

John 3:16

16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (that means forever)

Ephesians 1:13-14 (Paul says this)

13 In Him (Jesus), you also, after listening to the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, unto the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Here is what the Bible is saying to us:

- We have been sealed by the Holy Spirit until the day of redemption.
- No one can snatch us from Jesus' hand
- No one can snatch us from God the Father's hand.

Yea but what if I chose to walk away Pastor?

- There are only two possibilities
 - 1. You never belonged to Jesus 1 John 2 or
 - You can't walk away from Jesus
 - Let me show you why you can't

Romans 8:39

39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below

- You would be a power on the earth below.
 - Let's continue

—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- You or we are a creation therefore we would not be able to separate ourselves from the love of God.
- God knew!
 - The day that He adopted us He knew what the future held.
 - He knew about our failures and successes
 - He knew about our strengths and weaknesses
 - He knew
 - And yet He still adopted us.