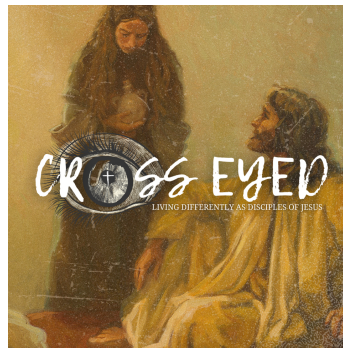


# SEQUOIA NOTES

## Today's Sequoia Message...

### Anchored in Love

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor  
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## What can hold us secure in times like these?

**Big Idea: Nothing can separate me from God's love in Christ.**

Romans 8:31-34 (NLT) What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. <sup>34</sup> 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 honour at God's right hand, pleading for us.

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Romans 8:1 (NLT) "So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus."

Isaiah 50:8-9a (NLT) "He who gives me justice is near. Who will dare to bring charges against me now? Where are my accusers? Let them appear! <sup>9</sup> See, the Sovereign Lord is on my side! Who will declare me guilty? All my enemies will be destroyed like old clothes that have been eaten by moths!"

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- **Remember... No Accusations can separate me from God's love.**
- **Because Nothing can separate me from God's love in Christ Jesus.**

Romans 8:35-37 (NLT) Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? 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? <sup>36</sup> (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") <sup>37</sup> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

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- **Remember...No Troubles can separate me from God's love.**
- **Because Nothing can separate me from God's love in Christ Jesus.**

Romans 8:38-39 (NLT) And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—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.

Colossians 2:15 (NLT) "And having disarmed the powers and authorities (in the spiritual world), he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

- **Remember...No Spiritual Forces can separate me from God's love.**
- **Because Nothing can separate me from God's love in Christ Jesus.**

## How do you apply this truth today?

- **Know God's love:**
- **Experience God's love "IN Christ Jesus".**
- **Remember your identity in Christ.**
- **Share God's love with others.**

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