1. Intro

- We will finish Romans 8 today. This will also finish the 4th major section of Romans in which Paul has been teaching about believers' new identity in Christ Jesus and all the blessings He has and will give us as His children.
- Paul draws his letter, thus far, to a conclusion by asking and answering **4 questions** pertaining to all the wonderful and gracious things God has done for believers.
- Paul concludes with a confident and victorious declaration that we who belong to Jesus are 100% secure in our relationship with God, and there is absolutely nothing that can separate us from His love.
- 2. Text: Romans 8:31-39

Romans 8:31a

- Paul asks, "What shall we say about such wonderful things as these?"
- What does... "such wonderful things as these" refer to?
 - We were hopelessly sinful and justly condemned to death... (Rom. 1-3)
 - ...But God provided a way to be made right with Him by presenting Jesus as the sacrifice for our sin. We are made right with Him when we believe this. Now, we have peace with God, we are dearly loved by God, and we are friends of God. (Rom. 3-5)
 - Because we, positionally, died, were buried, and rose again with Jesus, we have been freed from the power of sin and death. (Rom. 6-7)
 - There is no condemnation (hell) for those who belong to Christ Jesus. God placed His Spirit in us. When we allow Him to control our minds and actions, it results in life and peace. (Rom 8)
 - We have been adopted by God and can call Him "daddy". We are fellow heirs of God's glory along with his other Son, Jesus! (Rom 8)
 - God promises a sin-and-death-free body and a new curse-free earth. The Holy Spirit prays for us. And God promises to work all things together for good. (Rom 8)

Romans 8:31-32

- Question 1: "If God is for us, who can ever be against us?"
- **Answer**: God is <u>for us</u> and will indeed give believers all the wonderful things He has promised as evidenced by even giving up His own Son for us.
 - Romans 3:10-18
 - God is for you. Do you believe that?

Romans 8:33

- Question 2: "Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own?"
- **Answer**: <u>No one</u> can accuse us of not being right with God because <u>God Himself</u> has given us right standing with himself.
 - Romans 3:23-25a

Romans 8:34

- **Question 3**: "Who then will condemn us?"
- **Answer**: <u>No one</u> can condemn us to punishment in <u>hell</u> for our sins because Jesus died for us, rose again, and is currently at God's right hand pleading for us.

Romans 8:35-39

- **Question 4** (2 part question): "Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?" Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or ...?"
- Answer: No, <u>nothing</u> in all creation will ever be able to <u>separate</u> us from the love of God.

3. Application

• Thank you, thank you, thank you for your grace to me, Father God!