

The Book of Romans 8:31-39

Romans 8 closes with Paul responding to everything he has already taught in the chapter: there is no condemnation for those in Christ, God has given us the Holy Spirit, we have been adopted into His family, suffering cannot compare with the glory that is coming, and God can use even suffering to shape us more into the image of Christ.

Paul's response is a series of powerful questions.

1. If God Is for Us, Who Can Be Against Us?

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" — Romans 8:31

The answer is no one.

We know God is for us because He has already given the greatest possible proof:

"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all..." — Romans 8:32

The cross is concrete evidence of God's love and commitment toward us. If God has already given His Son for us, everything else we face is less costly than what He has already given.

When circumstances make us question whether God is for us, we look back to the cross.

2. Who Can Bring a Charge Against Us or Condemn Us?

"Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies." — Romans 8:33

"Who then is the one who condemns? No one." — Romans 8:34

People may misunderstand us, question our motives, accuse us, or even misrepresent our intentions. But other people do not determine our standing before God.

Why?

- God is the One who justifies us.
- Jesus died for us.
- Jesus was raised to life.
- Jesus is at the right hand of God.
- Jesus is interceding for us.

When an accusation is true, we can repent. When it is false, we can rest in the truth that God knows our heart and Jesus Christ is our advocate.

3. Who Can Separate Us from the Love of Christ?

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" — Romans 8:35

Paul lists trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, death, spiritual powers, the present, the future, height, depth, and finally anything else in all creation.

His conclusion is clear:

Nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” — Romans 8:39

Our suffering is not evidence that God has stopped loving us.

God’s love is demonstrated most clearly through Jesus Christ.

The Rock-Solid Truths of Romans 8

- Who can stand against us? No one, because God is for us.
- Who can bring a charge against us? No one, because God justifies us.
- Who can condemn us? No one, because Jesus Christ is our advocate.
- Who can separate us from the love of God? No one.

Life can be extremely difficult, but these truths do not change with our circumstances.

Remember

Romans 8 begins with:

“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” — Romans 8:1

And it ends with the assurance that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

“What, then, shall we say in response to these things?”

Praise God.