

# GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

### events

**Aloha!** We are so grateful that you are worshipping with us!

Nursery and Kids' Church are available — parents, please sign-in your children.

We will celebrate Communion together this morning. Prepackaged elements (regular and gluten-free) are available at back worship table.

Spring Business Meeting & BBQ Potluck — Today, immediately after the service. Please stay and join us!

Church Office Closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

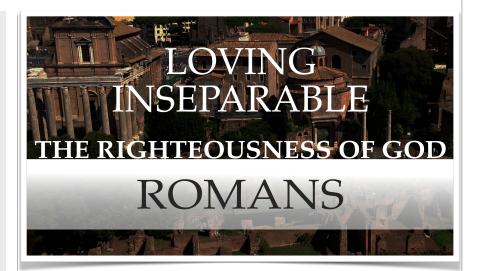
**Discover Grace** spring class - 8:30-9:30am on Sundays, June 19th and 26th in the Gazebo.

### Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

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### **Andrew Severinsen**

Romans 8:31-39

**Big Idea:** Paul wants us to understand that using our circumstances to gauge Jesus' love is a tragic error. He wants us to experience more fully the immeasurable love of Christ.

- Our *present sufferings* are pale in comparison to our *future glory*! (8:18). The predestined glory that awaits believers should give us present awareness of God's secure, conquering love over all experiences of suffering.
- Legally inseparable!
- Lovingly inseparable!

# **GRACE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

# God's Secure, Super-Conquering Love (Romans 8:30-39)

- 1. Note the questions and answers in verses 31-35. What conclusions can we draw based on these questions and answers?
- 2. With which of the questions from verses 31-35 have you struggled or are you struggling? How do the answers encourage you?
- 3. What might Paul have in mind in the "all things" of Romans 8:32?
- 4. Why does Paul quote Psalm 44:22 to answer the questions verse 35 asks? (see also John 16:33)
- 5. How do "all these things" in verses 35-37 relate to "all things" in verses 28 and 32?
- 6. How has a deeper understanding of Christ's love helped you in a difficulty recently?
- 7. How can those being "killed all the day long" (Romans 8:36) be "more than conquerors" (Romans 8:37)?
- 8. What things/events in your life, in our country, in our world tempt you to worry or prompt you to get angry or impatient? How do verses 38-39 encourage you and increase your confidence in God's love for you?

Everett Harrison comments on how Romans 8 ties in with the previous three chapters:

Actually, the chapter gathers up various strands of thought from the entire discussion of both justification and sanctification and ties them together with the crowning knot of glorification. Like ch. 5, it presents the blessings of the justified life, grounded in the removal of condemnation. Like ch. 6, it stresses freedom from the bondage of sin and ultimately from the bondage of death. Like ch. 7, it deals with the problem of the flesh..., finding the solution in the liberating and productive ministry of the Spirit. ... This is high and holy ground indeed for the Christian pilgrim to tread.

(Everett F. Harrison, "Romans" in *Zondervan NIV Bible Commentary*, vol. 2: New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1994), p. 559.