

# ROMANS 8:35-39

## ETERNAL GRACE

### GRACE THAT GROUNDS OUR FAITH (*Romans 8:35, Colossians 3:1-4*)

Paul begins by asking a legitimate question as he drives home his point of eternal security in Romans 8. In verse 35, Paul lists the challenges of the Roman church and asks if these realities can separate someone from the love of Christ.

- How would Paul's original audience have heard words like tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger or sword?
- How can you relate to any of the things mentioned in Romans 8:35 in your own walk with Christ?
- Why does Satan use pressure, isolation, deprivation, and elimination to try and discourage people from following Christ?

### GRACE THAT GRIPS OUR FEAR (*Romans 8:36, Psalm 44:2, John 16:33*)

To be like Christ, is to suffer like Christ. Perfect love casts out fear.

- When life is the hardest what are you tempted negatively to believe about God's love? What biblical truth do you use to combat that temptation?
- What does victory look like when the circumstances don't change or get worse?
- In what ways does persecution drive out hypocrisy?
- What does taking up your cross daily look like?
- How does pursuing an earthy crown often get in the way of taking up your cross?

### GRACE THAT GRANTS OUR FREEDOM (*Romans 8:37, Romans 6:23, Revelation 19:11-21*)

The end is already written, we win. We don't fight for victory, but from victory.

- Would the current battle cry of your life be victor or victim? How so?
- Read Revelation 19:11-21. What part do we play in the battle?
- How can this text give you peace going through any battle in life?
- What makes you most excited about heaven? Why?

### GRACE THAT GUARANTEES OUR FUTURE (*Romans 8:38-39*)

Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Not past, present, or future.

- How does believing that nothing can separate us from God's love affect the way we face death?
- How does assurance of God's love free us to live more boldly for the Gospel?
- What do you think it means to be "Once saved, always changed"?
- How does your life prove this reality?