

ROMANS
Our Message to the World
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More Than Conquerors

Romans 8:31-39

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I. We cannot be condemned by God's justice.

A. No one can impoverish us.

1. God is for us.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
cf. Romans 5:1-11

2. God gave His own Son for us.

³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, ...
cf. Genesis 22:16; Isaiah 53:6, 10, 12; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 5:2, 25

3. God will graciously give us everything.

...how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?
cf. I Corinthians 3:21-23

a fortiori argument

charisetai = graciously, freely give

B. No one can indict us.

³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. .
cf. Psalm 19: 5, 9; Isaiah 50:7-9

C. No one can convict us.

³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

◆ Jesus died. cf. Galatians 3:13

◆ Jesus was raised. cf. Romans 4:25

◆ Jesus ascended. cf. Hebrews 4:14-16; 10:11-25; I Peter 3:22

◆ Jesus intercedes for us. cf. I John 2:1

II. We cannot be separated from God's love.

A. Our sufferings cannot separate us from God's love.

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Notice:

1. Bad things happen to God's people.

cf. I Corinthians 4:9-13; II Corinthians 6:4-10; 11:23-29

2. We are intentionally prepared for these sufferings.

cf. v. 36; Psalm 44:22

3. We shall triumph over all of our sufferings and all of our enemies.

cf. v. 37

4. We triumph only through the love of God.
cf. v. 37

B. Nothing can separate us from God's love.

³⁸ *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,* ³⁹ *nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

cf. Psalm 139:8

pepeismai = I am persuaded.

cf. Rom. 14:14; 15:14; Gal. 5:10; Phil. 1:6, 25; II Thess.3:4; II Tim.1:5, 12; Philemon 21

Implications:

1. We have every right to be supremely confident in our salvation.
cf. I Corinthians 1:8, 9; Philippians 1:6; I Thessalonians 5:24
2. We have every motive to take great risks in our mission.
cf. Esther 4:16; John 19:11; Acts 4:19, 20; 20:24; 21:13; Philippians 1:20
3. We have every reason to be continually thankful in all our lives.
cf. Ephesians 5:20
4. We have every expectation to be absurdly happy at the end of our lives.
cf. Romans 8:18; II Corinthians 4:17; II Peter 1:11; Revelation 19:6, 7