

No Condemnation = No Separation 2022-04-24

Romans 8:38-39

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.

Journey in chapters 1-8 from ONLY condemnation > NO condemnation.

- verses 31-39 summit of praise/joy known as “Hymn of Security”
 - Nothing can ever separate believers from God’s love. Romans 8:28-32

Father made the supreme sacrifice to provide justification. Surely He would give all relatively “lesser” things necessary to persevere, our eternal good/glory and His predestined purposes.

- Father would not nullify Jesus’ sacrifice by not giving what we need to keep saved. Ephesians 1:3

All our accusers (Satan/world/self) not only lack the power but also the authority to condemn God’s elect children. Romans 8:1, 33-34

- God wrote/enforces His law, He alone condemns/justifies.
 - Judge declared Christians "not guilty"...justified by faith in Jesus Christ’s atoning work.
 - How could the Judge condemn us when Jesus was already condemned in our place.
- Satan’s accusations are valid, but because of Jesus’ imputed righteousness, his accusations do not stand against Christians because ALL sins were paid for by Jesus on the cross
 - once Father’s judgment was satisfied, case closed forever... Never condemned, never lose salvation, never separated from the love of Jesus Christ.

Satan/flesh try to use terrible trials to get us to doubt God’s love for us. Romans 8:35-37

- easily mistake such circumstances as a sign of God's judge, anger, abandonment.
 - Adversity should stimulate introspection, is God disciplining me?
- love of Jesus Christ is with us in devastating adversity, ...though it may not feel like it.
 - “love of Christ” is *His* love for Christians, not their love for Him.
- Trials work deeper dependence on God, produce eternal glory, make us strong.
 - Adversity is part of "all things" God uses to conform us to Christ. Romans 8:35-37, 28, 32

God’s love enables not only persevere in suffering/adversity but to be more than conquerors through every trial we face for His sake.

- *Greek* means “super conquerors, vanquish beyond, decisive victory.”
 - What do you picture from that definition?

Probably not Romans 8:35-36 or this...2 Corinthians 11:24-28, 12:9-10

- overwhelming victory because in times of weakness, God gives divine strength.
 - Holy Spirit enables us to emerge victorious in the sense grow in faith, hope & in love for God...making us more like Jesus who also suffered.
 - moments of doubt/fear, but by God's grace our faith WILL endure.
 - Conquerors; present tense, "keep on winning a glorious victory".

Absolutely nothing can separate us from God's love or thwart His purpose for Christians. Romans 8:38-39

- Struggle with sin/worldliness does not diminish/terminate His unconditional love for us because we are rooted in God's choice of us before the foundation of the world. Ephesians 1:4-5
 - Ultimate demonstration of that love is Jesus' death for us on the cross.
- God's grace in the Gospel nullifies all opposition, silences all accusations, overrules all condemnation, conquers all adversity.
- Your salvation is secure forever....nothing can ever separate Christians from God's love
 - Like Paul, overflow with MUCH gratitude, dependence, security and praise.