

“VICTORIOUS OVER SEPARATION”

Text: Romans 8:33-39

Subject: (How God (in Christ) has overcome every accusation and fear that the devil could send your way).

Introduction

(Romans 8 Is The Christian's Declaration Of Independence)

- ◆ In verses 1-4, we are victorious over sin.
- ◆ In verses 5-17, we are victorious over self.
- ◆ In verses 18-27, we are victorious over suffering.
- ◆ In verses 28-32, we are victorious over sadness.
- ◆ In verses 33-39, we are victorious over separation.

(In Other Words From Romans 8)

- #1. We have been freed from the law of sin's power (and can now obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit).
- #2. We have been quickened by the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, (and can mortify the deeds of the flesh).
- #3. We have been given a helper in all of our suffering (as the Holy Spirit helps us in prayer through our infirmities).
- #4. We have the promised guarantee that all things work together for the ultimate good, (to those who love the Lord).

(And Finally In Romans 8)

- #5. We have a Word from God that silences the accuser of your soul, (once and for all).

Question: Why does God inspire Paul to conclude Romans 8 with a victorious note?

Answer: Because believers in Rome were being taunted by the devil with 3 questions:

Question #1: (V. 33) “Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect?”

Question #2: (V. 34) “Who is he that condemneth?”

Question #3: (V. 35) “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”

- ◆ What does it mean in V. 31, “If God be for us, who can be against us?”
- ◆ What does it mean in V. 37, “Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors?”
- ◆ What does it mean in V. 38, “To be persuaded” in all of these matters?
- ◆ What does it mean in V. 34, “That Christ is making intercession for us?”
- ◆ And what does all of this mean as the Lord builds healthy people who stake their very lives on the absolutes of the Word of God?

(3 Promises That Produce Joy Unspeakable And Full Of Glory)

Promise I. Your “Past Life” Can Not Separate You From The Love Of God (V. 33)

- ◆ In v. 33, Paul challenges the accuser with a question: “Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect?”
- ◆ In v. 31, Paul challenges as well: “If God be for us, who can be against us?”

(In Other Words)

(Paul is dealing with an age old problem)

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Question: What is Paul addressing?

Answer: He is dealing with the whispers of condemnation from the evil one.

Question: Why does Paul deal with this?

Answer: Because God knew that the transgressions of your past can come to mind with such force, **that they can destroy your joy in the Lord** (I repeat)

Question: How many of you have ever been reminded of your past (or past sins) by the devil?

Question: How many of you have ever been whispered to with words like unworthy, guilty, or condemnation?

Question: Pastor, how does the accuser of my soul charge me with false guilt?

- #1. Your conscience can condemn you of sin that God has forgiven you of.
- #2. The law can condemn you of sin that God has forgiven you of.
- #3. People can condemn you of sin that God has forgiven you of.
- #4. The adversary himself can condemn you of sin that God has forgiven you of.

Question: Why are these charges hurled at believers?

Answers: To separate you from the Lord in your mind.

Question: What is the answer to this false condemnation that is plaguing so many?

(Verse 33) "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? **It is God that justifieth**"

Question: Who stands up for you?

Answer: God does!

Question: What does God answer with?

Answer: "It is God that **justifieth**"

Question: Who has taken care of the conscience, the law, the people and the accusing adversary?

Answer: "It is God that **justifieth**"

Question: What does it mean to be justified by God?

Answer: It means something that silences every accusation against you:

- #1. Justification means that **God has pardoned you** and pronounced you just in His sight.
- #2. Justification means that **no one can bring a charge against you** because God has forgiven you.
- #3. Justification means that God has **counted you righteous** before a Holy God, because of His acceptance of Christ's sacrifice.
- #4. Justification means that regardless of your past life, past sin, past failures, past shame, past charges, past defeats and past accusations, **(God's favor is now upon you if you are in Christ Jesus).**

#1 – Your past life cannot separate you from God's love.

Promise II. Your "Present Circumstances" Can Not Separate You From The Love Of God (V. 34)

Question: Pastor, how do I know that I am more than a conqueror in my present circumstances today?

(Verse 34) "Who is he that condemneth?" (Satan is the accuser of the brethren).

Question: If Satan is the accuser, then who is it that enables me to stand tall in all of my circumstances?

(Verse 34) "...It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us".

Question: Pastor, what is it that guarantees me that none of my present circumstances can separate me from the love of God?

#1. “Christ Died For You” (Which means:)

- ◆ Jesus died for you to forgive you.
- ◆ Jesus paid sins penalty to give you access to Him.
- ◆ Jesus took your place and became your substitute.
- ◆ Jesus reveals the love of God towards you because of what it cost to save you.

#2. “Christ Is Risen For You” (Which means:)

- ◆ #1 – God’s divine justice was perfectly satisfied (so Jesus could rise from the dead).
- ◆ #2 – God’s Spirit which raised Christ from the dead now lives in you (and is making you into a brand new creation).
- ◆ #3 – God’s Spirit that enabled Jesus to overcome every temptation (will enable you to overcome as well as you lean upon Him.)
- ◆ #4 – God raised Jesus from the dead because God had a purpose for His life (just as God has a purpose for your life).

#3. “Christ Is Exalted For You:

(Notice V. 34: “Who is even at the right hand of God” which means:)

- ◆ Jesus is now highly exalted in the place of sovereignty and authority!
- ◆ Jesus is now exalted in heaven, secure and ruler over the universe!
- ◆ Jesus is now over the circumstances that touch your life!
- ◆ Jesus is fully aware of every event that crosses your path.

#4. “Christ Is Interceding For You This Hour:

(Verse 34) “Who also maketh intercession for us”

(In Other Words)

- ◆ There is high priestly activity going on in heaven for you.
- ◆ There is to be encouragement on earth today, because of what Jesus is doing in heaven today.
- ◆ There is One in heaven standing in your corner, who silences every lie and accusation against you before God.
- ◆ And you’re worried about your circumstances?
- ◆ You’re anxious about your tomorrows?
- ◆ You’re losing sleep while Jesus is working on your behalf.

Question: How many of you believe Romans 8:34:

- #1. Christ died for you!
- #2. Christ rose again for you!
- #3. Christ is in heaven for you!
- #4. Christ is interceding on your behalf!

Question: How many of you believe that Jesus is doing a good job?

Question: How many of you believe you can rest well (and be more than a conqueror in all of your surroundings?)

#1 – Your Past

#2 – Your Present

Promise III. You “Future Challenges” Can Not Separate You From The Love Of God – Vs. 35-39

Question: What consumes your thinking today?

Question: What robs you of the peace of God?

Question: What is it that dominates your thoughts (before and after service)?

Question: What worries you about your tomorrows?

◆ Beloved, God wants you to act on the first 4 words of verse 38. **“For I am persuaded”**

Question: What does God want me to be fully persuaded about?

Answer: That absolutely nothing can keep God from #1. Loving you and - #2. Nothing (and) no one can stop you from doing God’s will but you!

What Do You Fret About?

(Verse 35)

- #1. **Tribulation?** (Trials, suffering and affliction)
- #2. **Distress?** (Anguish, strain, agony, uncertainty)
- #3. **Persecution?** (Abuse, ridicule, mistreatment, harassment, injury)
- #4. **Famine?** (No way to secure food)
- #5. **Nakedness?** (To have earthly possessions taken away)
- #6. **Peril?** (Dangers of any kind to your mind, body, soul, or family)
- #7. **Sword?** (To face death and be killed)

(Guess What?)

(Verse 37) “In all these things” (or in every circumstance and severity) Christ will carry us through every one victoriously. He will take care of you!!!

(Verses 38 & 39 says **“Get rid of all your worries”**)

(How come?) Because...

- ◆ Not death (can separate you from God)
- ◆ Not life (or any person or thing in life can separate you from God).
- ◆ Not angels, principalities or powers (can separate you from God).
- ◆ Not things present or things to come. (No event to come can separate you from God)
- ◆ Not height, not depth (or no dimension of highest degree or lowest degree can separate you from God)
- ◆ Not any other creature, (Paul here leaves no loophole for you to worry about) – (or nothing created on earth can separate God’s love from you). **(Why Not ?)**

(Verse 39B) “Because this love is expressed in Christ Jesus the Lord”

Conclusion

- ◆ Peter’s lying couldn’t stop Jesus from loving him.
- ◆ Zacheus’ stealing couldn’t stop Jesus from loving him.
- ◆ The woman’s adultery couldn’t stop Jesus from loving her.
- ◆ The prodigals rebellion couldn’t stop Jesus from loving him.
- ◆ The thief on the cross couldn’t stop Jesus from loving him.

(Why Not?)

Because if God be for you, who can be against you?

AMEN!

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