

Series: Great Gospel Invitations
"Secure in God's Love" # 18
Romans 8:31-39
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Warren Wiersbe says this about this passage:

1. There is **no condemnation** because we share the righteousness of God and the Law cannot condemn us.
2. There is **no obligation** because we have the Spirit of God who enables us to overcome the flesh and live for God.
3. There is **no frustration** because we share the glory of God, the blessed hope of Christ's return.
4. There is **no separation** because we experience the love of God: "What shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Rom. 8:35).

TT- The emphasis in this final section is on the security of the believer. We do not need to fear the past, present, or future because we are secure in the love of Christ.

Paul presents five arguments to prove that there could be no separation between the believer and the Lord.

1. God is for us (8:31).

The Father, Son, and Spirit are for us. God is making all things work for us (8:28), in His person and His providence.

Sometimes, like Jacob, we lament, "All these things are against me" (Gen. 42:36), when actually everything is working **for us**. The conclusion is obvious: "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

The believer needs to enter into each new day realizing that God is for him. There is no need to fear, for his loving Father desires only the best for His children, even if they must go through trials to receive His best.

2. Christ died for us (8:32).

The argument here is from the lesser to the greater. If when we were sinners, God gave us His best, now that we are God's children, will He not give us all that we need?

Jesus used this same argument when He tried to convince people that it was foolish to worry and fear. God cares for the birds and sheep, and even for the lilies; surely He will care for you!

God is dealing with His own on the basis of Calvary grace, not on the basis of Law. God freely gives all things to His own!

3. God has justified us (8:33).

This means that He has declared us righteous in Christ. Satan would like to accuse us (Zech. 3:1-7; Rev. 12:10), but we stand righteous in Jesus Christ.

We are God's elect — chosen in Christ and accepted in Christ.

God will certainly not accuse us since it is He who has justified us. For Him to accuse us would mean that His salvation was a failure and we are still in our sins.

Understanding the meaning of justification brings peace to our hearts. When God declares the believing sinner righteous in Christ, that declaration never changes.

Our Christian experience changes from day to day, but justification never changes. We may accuse ourselves, and men may accuse us; but God will never take us to court and accuse us. Jesus has already paid the penalty and we are secure in Him.

4. Christ intercedes for us (8:34).

A dual intercession keeps the believer secure in Christ: the Spirit intercedes (Rom. 8:26-27) and the Son of God intercedes (Rom. 8:34).

The same Savior who died for us is now interceding for us in heaven. As our High Priest, He can give us the grace we need to overcome temptation and defeat the enemy (Heb. 4:14-16).

As our Advocate, He can forgive our sins and restore our fellowship with God (1 John 1:9-2:2). Intercession means that Jesus Christ represents us before the throne of God and we do not have to represent ourselves.

We are not only saved by His death, but we are also saved by His life. "Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them" (Heb. 7:25).

He is interceding for each of us, a ministry that assures us that we are secure.

5. Christ loves us (8:35-39).

Paul proved that God cannot fail us, but is it possible that we can fail Him? Suppose some great trial or temptation comes, and we fail? Then what? Paul deals with that problem in this final section and explains that nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus Christ.

In Rom. 8:28 God assures us that the difficulties of life are working for us and not against us. God permits trials to come that we might use them for our good and His glory. We endure trials for His sake (Rom. 8:36), and since we do, do you think that He will desert us?

Furthermore, He gives us the power to conquer (8:37). We are "more than conquerors," literally, "we are super conquerors" through Jesus Christ! He gives us victory and more victory! We need not fear life or death, things present or things to come, because Jesus Christ loves us and gives us the victory.

This security in Christ is an established fact, and we claim it for ourselves because we are in Christ. Nothing can separate you from His love! Believe it — and rejoice in it!

We are free from judgment because Christ died for us and we have His righteousness.

We are free from defeat because Christ lives in us by His Spirit and we share His life.

We are free from discouragement because Christ is coming for us and we shall share His glory.

We are free from fear because Christ intercedes for us and we cannot be separated from His love.

No accusation! No condemnation! No separation!

If God be for us, who can be against us? No one!