

**“Inseparable Love”
Romans 8:35 – 39**

Big Idea – NOTHING can separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Christ intercedes for us - v. 34c

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

Hebrews 4:14 Since we have a great high priest, Jesus the Son of God, who has gone into heaven, let us hold on to the faith we have.

15 For our high priest is able to understand our weaknesses. When he lived on earth, he was tempted in every way that we are, but he did not sin.

16 Let us, then, feel very sure that we can come before God's throne where there is grace. There we can receive mercy and grace to help us when we need it.

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.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sin He is faithful and just...

2:1 My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

Paul hinted at this ministry of intercession in Romans 5:9-10.

Romans 5:9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.

10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.

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" Hebrews 7:25

Peter sinned against the Lord, but he was forgiven and restored to fellowship because of Jesus Christ

*Luke 22:31 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat.
32 But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers."*

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

Psalm 103:10-14.

Christ loves us - vs. 35-39

In Romans 8:31-34 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.

To begin with, God does not shelter us from the difficulties of life because we need them for our spiritual growth (Rom. 5:3-5). In Romans 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? Of course not! Instead, He is closer to us when we go through the difficulties of life.

He gives us the power to conquer (Rom. 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 is not a promise with conditions attached: "If you do this, God will do that." 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!

This whole chapter shows 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.

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