

Rise
Rise Up in Victory
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Romans 8:31-39

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 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. 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. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 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.

Discussion Questions

When have you been in a “can’t lose” situation?
How did it feel?
Did it change how you behaved?

What is Paul saying when he writes, “If God is for us, who can be against us?”
Does this promise us a life without opposition?
Why or why not?

“It is God who justifies.” What does this statement in verse 33 tell us about how God sees us?
How is it different from the way the world sees us?

Read through Paul’s list of what cannot pull us from the grasp of God’s love.
How do you respond to that statement of God’s love for us?

How does God’s unfailing love for us make us ‘more than conquerors’?
How does that affect how we live our faith each day?