

Title: *The Love From Which Nothing Can Separate Us*
 The Love of God

Text: Romans 8:28-39 (Read Romans 8:22-39)
 Prayer

We have been studying the principles of God's righteousness. This is the act of God whereby he pronounces us righteous. Not because of our performance, but because of what Jesus Christ has done at the cross. Therefore righteousness as we are studying it is an act of God.

And there were four principles that we have been studying in Romans. The first was condemnation. This principle tells us that everybody has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We are all in need of salvation.

Secondly, we looked at the principle of JUSTIFICATION. The heart of the book of Romans is that we are justified by faith and faith alone.

Thirdly, we looked at the principle of ~~sanctification~~ sanctification. That act of God which began the moment we ask Jesus to come into our lives. And it continues until that time when we met him. It is the process by which God is making us different from those around us.

In this chapter we have been studying
 (4B) Now, the fourth principle is the principle of security. ~~We have been studying this principle for the past couple of weeks.~~ *The security of the Bible*
And we have learned the following things

(1C) This security is ~~is~~ given to us, first of all, by the presence of the Holy Spirit which we studied in the first 17 verses. The Bible clearly says in Romans 8:9 "that if you do not have the Spirit of Christ, you do not belong to Him." *The presence of The H.S. is in the life of every believer.*

(2C) Then we looked at the fact that our security is grounded in our hope. *We have a hope in Jesus.*
~~That~~ *When* Paul wrote that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed unto us. *could say*

(3C) Now, the third area that we are looking at is the ~~fact~~ that our security is guaranteed by certain outstanding facts.

(1D) And the first fact was the prayer of the Holy Spirit. That was verses 26 and 27. The Holy Spirit is making intercession for us. And he is correctly translating *OUR PRAYERS* because he knows the will of God.

(2D) Secondly, we looked at the ~~promise~~ *plan* of The Father in verse 28 to 31. This tremendous *plan* thing that God laid out before us. That God controls all things. And they all work together for good to those who love him.

(3D) Now, the third fact that I want you to see which guarantees our security is found in verses 32 to 34. And that is the purpose of the Father in the son, Jesus Christ. The purpose of the Father in the son. ^{and} Three things I would like you to see here.

(1E) Number one, notice the provision of God for us. His provision for us is absolutely complete. Vs 32 says "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" *The Provision of God*

Now, the word "freely give " is simple the word "grace" in a verb form. He graced to us all things. It is a word which means that we do not deserve it. There is no merit on our part by which God then gives it to us. You cannot run around and perform and score points with God in hope that he will give you security.

God's love is much bigger than that. In spite of the way we perform, in spite of our attitude towards God, God is gracious to us not in half the things, but in all things. It is absolutely complete. And WHY? *is God doing that* Because of the simple fact that ["]He spared not His own son. ["] And that is a beautiful thing. God's provision is ~~very~~ complete.

(2E) Now, the second thing that I want you to notice ~~is~~ about the purpose of the Father in the son Jesus Christ involved his pardon. According to Vs 33 we see God's wonderful pardon. Vs 33 says "Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies."

Now, the word "charge" simply means "to bring to a court and make accusations. And the point here is that there isn't any charge against the believer. Because God is the one justifying us.

So, our pardon is quite complete. There is not a single court that can bring the believer into condemnation. Because God has already ~~pronounced~~ pronounced us righteous. And the final authority as to whether any charge can be brought against anyone is God.

out You maybe ~~tried~~ tried by the courts of this land and may go free according to your guilt or ~~in~~ innocences..Or, you maybe be found guilty and ~~may~~ may have to spend some time in jail.

But that is a drop in the bucket compared to the morality and knowledge of God who is the righteous judge. You cannot hide from him; and he knows all things. And so the final authority in charging anyone with anything is God.

And according to the Bible God, the God who knows all things, the maker of the universe, this God has already pronounced righteous everyone who has believed on Jesus Christ.

mt And I hope you understand that. Eternal security is based on these verses. The Bible teaches that there is not one charge against the believer in Jesus Christ. That is how tremendous is the pronouncement of God that you are righteous in Jesus Christ.

We are not perfect because we do or we do not do certain things. We are all sinners. But we sin in a position standing before God in Christ that is absolutely perfect. And there is nothing that can change that...AMEN....

And friends, I am so glad of that. I praise God that he is not judging me on my performance. But rather he has accepted me based on my faith in the act of Christ on the cross. And that is a wonderful thing to get ahold of and apply to your life.

(3E) And the third thing about the purpose of the Father in the son is found in Vs 34. This concerns our position. "Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us."

Now, the word "condemn" means "to judge down". Who can bring judgment down upon you?

Look back at Vs 1 of chapter 8. The answer is obvious. Vs 1 says, "there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

If you are in Christ, ^{if you are saved} no one can bring condemnation down upon your head. ^{Well} NOW WHY?....According to Vs 34 there are ^{3 things} four facts which guarantee that....That no one can bring judgment down upon your head as a believer.

(1F) The first ^{principle} fact, according to Vs 34, is the death of Jesus Christ.

No one can bring judgment on you because Christ died. NOW WHY?...

The most perfect standard of anyone being guilty or not is God's law. Now, God's law is absolute perfect and holy. There is not a thing missing. It is a perfect standard of what is righte...

Now, the requirement of the law for those who violate it, and if you offend in one point you are guilty of it all says James 2:10. The requirement of the law of violaters is death. Death is the penalty. When Jesus died on the cross he was not only substituting his life for all people, but he was satisfying all the righteous demands of the law. The law in all of its morality and judgement has been satisfied by one event in human history. When Jesus ^{on the Cross} died all those righteous demands of the law were paid for. Your death is no good to satisfy the law. Because Christ has already satisfied it completely.

So, who is he to condemn us. The moment you believe in the death of J.C, *The moment you confess your sin and receive Jesus as Lord,* at that moment the charge and the condemnation is removed.

(2f) Now, the second ^{principle} ~~fact~~ is the matter of the resurrection of Christ. *Vs 34*

Turn back to chapter 4, please. Romans chapter 4 verse 25. The resurrection of Christ is the guarantee that no one can condemn us or bring judgement down upon us. Romans 4:25. Speaking of Christ, this is the chapter dealing with the justification of Abraham.

Vs 25.. "He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification."

You see Jesus was raised on account of the fact that God is pronouncing us righteous. NOW WHY?.... If Christ had never arose from the dead, then his death is the death of an ordinary man. The proof that there is no condemnation against the believer who has believed in the substitutionary death of J.C. is the fact of His resurrection. Jesus is not dead. He is alive, people. He really is. Jesus is alive. Just as much as you and I are alive.

(3f) And the ^{principle} ~~third fact~~, really demonstrates that. Look at it carefully,

Vs 34 of Romans 8.. He not only died. He not only rose again. But the Bible says "at the right hand of God," *interceding for us*

And the point is that Christ, ~~right~~ right now, is at the right hand of God. At the present time by way of location and existence ~~Christ~~ Christ is at the right hand of God. ~~He wants all the believers to know that. That He is there, right now.~~ *and his purpose is to make intercession on our behalf*

Now, just stop for a moment and realize where Jesus is. We speak about Jesus being in our hearts. And that we need to receive Christ. That is true in the sense of his spiritual presence which is guaranteed by the literal presence of the Holy Spirit in ~~your~~ *our* ~~body~~ *Life*. And so the spiritual presence of Christ becomes very real. Even as we meet together as a body in worship, the spiritual presence of Christ is here. And the Holy Spirit is making that ~~our~~ *presence real.*

But the physical body of Christ, the one that arose from the dead, that had flesh and bones, that ate, that had scars in the hands and the feet, is, right now, at the right hand ~~of~~ *of* the Father.

Now, why is that so important in relationship to condemnation and our Justification?

and Turn, please, to Hebrews chapter 1....Hebrews chapter 1...You know, in the O.T. in the Tabernacle, do you remember in the Holy of Holies there was that ark. And on the ark was the golden slab called the mercy seat. And at each end of that golden slab were two golden angels called Cherubims. Their wings were outstretched and these two cherubims are looking down on that golden slab as though they were about to jump on it in the sense of judgement. And so the Priest would enter the Holy of Holies and put blood on that golden slab called mercy seat. And he would do this, as you know, once a year. The day of atonement, Yom Kippur.

And in the book of Hebrews we learn that those Priests never sat down. They were always ministering. They never sat down. They were on the go all the time.

And there is a tremendous symbolism here that I want you to see concerning Jesus Christ, our great high priest.

Hebrews chapter 1 beginning at Vs 1....(Read Vs 1-3).....

And in that one little phrase, I think you can understand that our ascended Lord sat down at the right hand of God in a tremendous symbolic act to the whole universe that redemption was over and done and complete.

And the entire book of Hebrews sets out to prove one point: that this great high priest offered one sacrifice for sin for ever. And that there is no longer any need for a priest to bring a sacrifice.

That great high priest settled it when he sat down at the right hand of God. It was all over. And that to me is tremendous. Because our Lord is now at the right hand of God. And ^{this} it is a continuing remainder that redemption is done..finished...complete.

And my faith is standing in that act of Christ over 19 hundred years ago, I believe it just as much today as I did the moment I ask Jesus into my heart. I am trusting and relying upon it totally. That fact from God's Word that Jesus died for me.

And so one one can bring judgment down, because I am trusting in Jesus. And not in myself. ^{And Jesus is at the right hand of the Father making intercession for me.} And that is a big difference.

(4) Now, come back to Romans 8. The fourth fact which ^{Paul} mentions in Vs ^{and He there} 34 is that Jesus is continually making intercession for us.

You know, the High Priest of the O.T. made intercession for the people. He was a spokesman, a mediator, a representative between God and the people.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the great High Priest. And the Bible says in Hebrews 7:24 that "he is ever living to make intercession for us." That He has an unchangeable priesthood. It never stops. He is constantly pleading our case.

In I John 2:1-2 we read "that Jesus is our advocate." The word "advocate" carries the idea of "defense attorney."

And now in the presence of God the Father, God the Son is a defense attorney for all of us. And that to me is tremendous. He is proving over and over again on the bases of his own shed blood, that believers have no condemnation upon them.

^{Now} Aren't you glad of that fact? ^{Now} only do I stand secure in that past act, but right now, presently, I have a defense attorney pleading my case.

Boy, you talk about security. WOW..the believer certainly has it in the purpose of the Father for His son Jeuss Christ.

(4D. Now, let's ^{come &} ~~look at~~ chapter 8 verse 35, ^{and} ~~at~~ the fourth fact which garantees our security. And that is the power of God's love. The power of love. ~~And~~ I don't believe there is one thing that the world doesn't want more than love. Some of you right now need desperately to know the meaning of, the warmth of the love of God. And you know it. And God knows it.

Spiritly

God's love is a tremendous thing. And you know, it is great, when in the life of believers we see the love of God being manifested. That is a tremendous thing.

^{But} we don't have the copascite ~~to~~ to love as God wants us to until we become believers. But ~~once~~ we become believers the Holy Spirit who is in us has the love of God to shed abroad in our hearts. And it is great when you can share that ^{Love with} ~~from~~ another ^{person} ~~believers~~. Nothing is as warm ^{or} as wonderful. But ^{God wanted me to tell you} ~~I want everyone to know, hear,~~ that there isn't a single believer, no matter how spirit filled ^{helps} you may be in this life, who can compare with the love that God is in and of himself.

God's attitude of love is far greater, more vast, than any of us ~~could~~ possible ~~conceive~~. ~~And~~ it is not based upon one thread of merit in anyone of us. And I am thankful for that. God loves you no matter what you care about him. No matter what you do. No matter how great your sin. God loves you.....And His love never stops. It is an everlasting love.

Oh, he is the God of judgment. He will not over look sin. His love wouldn't be perfect if that were true. ¹⁷ But HE IS LOVE. HE LOVES YOU.

And there is no text in the Bible as strng and as wonderful as this text on the power of God's love. And I want you to see it in two basic ways...

(1E) First of all, Vs 35 to 37, ~~wants us to see God's love in our conquest~~

^{through} ~~of the~~ ^{Jesus} ~~one~~ who loves us. Vs 37 says "But in all these things we are more than conquers through Him who loved us." ^{NOT just Conquers - but more Than Conquers}

And ^{And} he shows us in Vs 35 seven things that we are more than conquers in.....Seven things....

(1F) Number jone, tribulation. Tribulation cannot separate us from the love of Christ. And we are more than conquers through Him that loved us.

The word "tribulation" means "afflection." It often deals with mental and emotional pressure and stress. There are probably people in this congregation that are suffering in this way, right now. Emotional distress and tribulation. Afflection upon you.

Well, we are more than conguers. God is not going to take that away from the bbeliever. He leave that with you. So, that we might know that He is the God of all comfort. As 2 Corinthains 1:4 says, "who comfortss us in all our afflictions so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with wich we ourselves are comforted by God."

The Bible tells us that as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so also our comfot and consolations abounds. Encounagement abounds because we suffer. We would never know the joy of God's comfort, if we were just conquierrs..WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERS. In the midst of tribulation we have our joy as believers.

(2E)Secondly, we find the word "distress." This word means "pressed in". I think there are times that we really feel "traped." There doesn't seem to be any way out.

But, friends, Jesus Christ is the way out. We are more than conquers through Him who loved us. We are often put in a tight place. A place where we feel traped or pressed in. But Jesus is the way out. We are more than qonquers through Him who loved us.

(3F) Third, persecution. Usually this word refers to persecution from others. Often it is used in reference to verbal persecution. Verbal attacks. People who say things to you that really hurt. *and They cut deep*

It can also refer to physical persecution...People who physical attack you...*X* But I remaind you that the Bible teaches that we are more than conquierrs through Christ. In fact the Bible tells us that in persecution the power of Christ rest upon us. His strength is made perfect in our ~~we~~ weakness. You see we are more than conquers through him who loved us.

(4F) Number four is the word famine. ^{just} ~~to~~ conquer famine is to get physical food. ^{But} We are more than conquers because Jesus said that we have meat, you know not of. Spiritual food. Man does not live by bread alone, ~~like~~ Jesus is the bread of life. No one can sustain us ^{like} ~~like~~ Jesus. And we are more than conquers because of this fact.

(5F) Number five is nakedness. Meaning "without clothes." Yet, Jesus clothed us in his righteousness. To be a conquer is to receive a garment to cover your body. To be more than a conquer is to realize that our inheritance is far greater. The Bible says that one day the Lord is going to cloth us in the robes of righteousness. You see, we are more than conquers.

(6F) And the word "peril" has the idea of danger. Great danger and not having too much security. And of course the answer to that is not just getting rid of the danger. We are more than conquers when we learn that Jesus is our security and protection. I will neave leave you nor forsake you, Jesis siad. Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age.

(7F) Then, we have the word sword in Vs 35. Every believer knows what this is. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. And even though we die by the sword, we are more than conquers through the resurrection. And we will be with him ^{you} forever.

^{OK} Now, let's come to verse 38 and 39. First of all we see tremendous love of God and His power in our conquest. That we are more than conquers through him that loved us.

(2E) But, secondly I want you to see the trmendous control that this love has over us. Nothing can effective us. We have the simple statement that nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our lord. Now, there are five areas ^{of Life} in which we see this. ^{Take about security} ^{This is Tremendous}

(1F) First of all, the issues of life and death. Vs 38 says "neither death, nor life". It cannot separate us from the love of God.

Yea through I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me. They rod and they shaft they comfort me.

(2F) The second area is the area of natural and supernatural powers.

Vs 38 says "nor angels, nor principalities." We live in the day of the occult. A day in which we see great interest in demonic activity. In things that are condemned in God's Word.

Listen, friends, ~~when~~ you find yourself under attack ^{from Satan} remember the tremendous promise of God's Word, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the World." No matter what power the enemy has, and certainly he has power, nothing can separate us from the love of God. Including Satan himself.

(3F) The third area is the area of circumstances. Vs 38 says "things present, not things to come." This isn't referring to future life, or life after death. But things that might come if the Lord continues to be patient in his return. We don't know the future; and that can cause anxiety.

In fact, the circumstances of the present are often hard to bear. ^{Some Russians} But no circumstances, present or future, can separate us from the Love of God which is in Christ Jesus our lord.

(4F) And the fourth area is the matter of distance and location. This is interesting. Vs 39 "Nor height, nor depth." You know, a few years ago a Russian Cosmoic flew out into space and didn't see God. And he concluded that God wasn't there. He should have read the Bible. Listen, you can travel to another galaxy and you will not escape the love of God. Because God is love. His nature and character is love. And that God is everywhere at once. The Bible says that He fills the universe. [I think some of us need to broaden our concept of God. God is everywhere. So, no matter where you go in this universe, God's love is still there. You cannot be separated from the love of God. And friends, that is great security to the believer who knows that God's love is always there.

And you know, friends, there are times when we feel that God is far away. And if that is happening to you, right now, just come back to Romans chapter 8 and realize that nothing can separate you from the Love of God. God love you. And his love is right there where you are.

(5F) Then I also notice in Vs 39 that not one created thing, no matter what it is, can ever separate us from the love of God. Even if it is man, you cannot be separated from the love of God. *(all Heads Bowed)*

out Would you turn to I John chapter 4, please. I John 4 gives to us a tremendous summary of what this love of God really is. I John chapter 4. And it tells us about the tremendous security that we believers have in that love of God. I John chapter 4 beginning with Vs 7.....

(Read I John 4:7-19)

There is no greater passage on security. *friends* God loves you. There is no fear in that. Now, we know that we will have boldness in the day of judgement because He is a loving God. And we are the recipients of that love. We have the love of God surrounding us. And nothing can separate us from it. And that perfect mature love is casting out fear. Believers, *do you* know of the security that is found in God's love?

I don't know where all of you stand. But I know this. God loves you. And in one moment of time you can experience that love of God. Right now, if you would turn your eyes to Jesus Christ and get them off of yourself and others, and look at Jesus Christ the one who died and paid for all sin. The one who rose again and is alive and is coming back. The one who says he loves you. For the good shephred loves his sheep. And he was willing to give his life for you because he loves you.

And right now if you would put your faith in Jesus Christ, you would experience the love of God. By trusting Jesus as your saviour, you will know the security of God's love. I hope you will make that decision.

Let us close in a moment of prayer