

The Believer's Confidence

Romans 8:28-39

Introduction

I We Can be Confident in God's Sovereignty

- A. We know that in all things God works for the good
 - Gen 42:36; 50:19-21
 - 1. Of those who **love** Him - Jn 14:21
 - 2. Of those who have been called according to His **purpose**
- B. We know that God has a plan for our lives
 - 1. He **foreknew** us - 1 Peter 1:2
 - 2. He predestined us: - Eph 1:11-12; Acts 13:48
 - a. To be conformed to the likeness of His Son - Gen 1:26
 - b. To be brothers to the firstborn Son of God - Col 1:15ff
 - 3. He **called** us - 2 Thess 2:13-15
 - 4. He **justified** us - Rom 3:24
 - 5. He **glorified** us - 2 Cor 3:18; 1 Pet 1:6-7

II We Can be Confident in God's Provision

- A. If God is for us, who can be against us? - Jn 10:28-30
- B. If God gave His Son, why would he withhold anything else?
 - 1. He didn't not **spare** his own Son - Gen 22:11-12
 - 2. He gave Him up for us all - Jn 3:16-17
 - 3. He will graciously give us **all** things - Matt 7:9-12
- C. If God has chosen us, who will bring any charge against us?
 - 1. He has **justified** us - 1 Cor 6:11
- D. If God has justified us, who will condemn us? - Jn 5:24
 - 1. Jesus Christ is our powerful advocate
 - a. He **died** for us - Rom 5:6; 1 Pet 3:18
 - b. He was raised to life - Rom 4:25
 - c. He is at the **right** hand of God - Mk16:19; Heb10:11-12
 - d. He is **interceding** for us - 1 Jn 2:1-2; Heb 7:25
- E. If God is for us, who will separate us from His love?
 - 1. **Trouble** can't separate us - Jn 16:33; 1 Pet 4:12-14
 - 2. Hardship can't separate us - 2 Cor 4:7-12
 - 3. **Persecution** can't separate us - 2 Tim 3:12; Matt 5:10-12
 - 4. Famine can't separate us
 - 5. **Nakedness** can't separate us

6. Danger can't separate us

7. **Sword** can't separate us - Ps 27:3; Heb 11:36-38

III We Can be Confident in God's Victory

- A. In all these things we are more than **conquerors**:
 - 1. Through Him who loved us - 2 Thess 2:16-17
- B. In all these things we are **inseparable** from God's love:
 - 1. That is in Christ Jesus our Lord
 - a. **Death** and **life** can't separate us - Rom 14:8
 - b. Angels or **demons** can't separate us - Eph 6:10-13
 - c. Neither the present nor **future** can separate us
 - d. No powers can separate us
 - e. Neither height nor depth can separate us - Eph 3:17-19
 - f. Nothing in all **creation** can separate us - Col 3:3-4

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time to consider the following questions:

- 1. What problems or obstacles cause you to despair and suffer?
How do you usually respond to these challenges?
- 2. According to Romans 8:28-29, what are two of God's purposes in calling you? Relate this purpose to Romans 5:2 and Romans 8:18. What are the two conditions attached to this calling and promise? Have you fulfilled these conditions?
- 3. As a child of God, what resources has God given you for your times of distress? Share a recent experience where you trusted God in the midst of difficulty. What was the outcome?
- 4. How do the forces in verses 38-39 attempt to disrupt your trust in God's love? Are there challenges you are facing right now that God is allowing for your good? How do you see God at work in this? How could your group pray for you right now?
- 5. Take a moment to thank God for the wonderful confidence that He has given you as a believer. Ask Him for a heart that is fully yielded and surrendered to His good purpose for your life.

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