

## Nothing Can Separate Us from the Love of Christ

Romans 8:31-39

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The believer in Jesus Christ never has any reason to fear because God Himself is on His side (Ps. 27:1-3). The Lord is calling our attention to the ferocity of His advocacy and of His action on behalf of those who are in Christ (cf. Ps. 115:3; Isa. 14:27; 43:13; Dan. 4:35). The severity of the wickedness of sin is best illustrated in that it required the substitutionary death of the Son of God in the place of sinners in order to justify men (cf. Isa. 53:11). He bore the wrath of God because it was necessary in order to satisfy God's justice and that we would be made righteous (Rom. 3:26; 2 Cor. 5:21). Since God has given His Son for our redemption, we can have confidence that He will withhold nothing from us in order to make us complete in Christ (Phil 1:6; cf. Gen 22:12).
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Sin is a loathsome but constant problem for believers in our life of faith (cf. Rom. 7:19-20, 24; Gal. 5:17; 1 John 1:9). Every actual sinful offense which for which a believer could be accused has been nailed to the cross (Col 2:14). Believers have no fear of condemnation from God on account of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Rom. 8 :1; cf. 1 Cor. 15:16-19). The Spirit and the Son intercede before the Father on behalf of the saints (cf. Rom. 8:26-27, 34; Heb 7:25).
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Nothing and no one can separate us from from the love of the Triune God. This life is full of all manner of hardships and opponents which Christians must expect to encounter (John 15:19-20; cf. 2 Cor. 11:20-28). And like our Lord, we will not be overcome by these but in Him we are victorious (John 16:33). On the basis of the work of God, the believer is to have absolute assurance that there is nothing that can stop Him from accomplishing what He has set out to do: to eternally save His people (cf. Rom. 8:28-30).