

WE CAN OVERCOME.

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INTRO.:

A. Text: Romans 8:31-39.

B. Regarding the text:

1. **Vss. 28-30** speak of God's providence.
 - 1) The faithful have a promised reward.
 - 2) When difficulties come, God made provisions for His children.
 - a. **Vs. 29-30**: Salvation has always been promised to the faithful.
 - b. **Heb. 5:9** "He became the author..."
2. **Verses 31-39** - we can live so as to never be separated from the love of God.

DISCUSSION: IN THESE VERSES WE SEE VICTORY...

I. WHO CAN BE AGAINST US (31)?

A. Verse 31: "... Who shall separate..."

1. "...these things..." Referencing the above verses.
2. The enemy may have the upper hand for a while; but God has the final word.

B. The question is asked and answered. The answer is clear - **NO ONE**.

1. God has always been for His children.
 - 1) **Psalm 23; Dan. 3.**
 - 2) **Heb. 13:5-6.**
 - 3) **John 10:28.**
 - 4) **Acts 7**: They killed Stephen... but he won!
2. The enemy may seem to overpower us but God will have the last say.

II. PROOF OF THIS GREAT PROMISE (32-34).

A. Vs. 32: God gave the best to secure the promise.

1. Since God gave the **GREATEST GIFT** (His Son), then we can be assured that He will not withhold anything that would be for our good!
2. Christ was delivered up for us all. **John 3:16** (the world).
3. Who will receive the benefits of His sacrifice (**Heb. 5:9; Rom. 1:16**).

B. Vss. 33-34: It is God who justifies.

1. Paul assures the saints that since God held them in high esteem, the charges men brought against them were empty.
 - 1) The idea is that there is no condemnation to the faithful. (Men may condemn, but to no avail **BECAUSE God justifies!**)
 - 2) **Rom. 8:1; John 3:18-19.**
2. **Heb. 13:6.**

III. WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED (35-39).

A. Vs. 35-36: The question.

1. **Vs. 35 READ.**
 - 1) The phrase "**Who shall separate us** from the love of Christ" refers to OUR love for Him.
 - a. He will never stop loving us.
 - b. Yet, severe persecutions might cause some to stop loving Him.
 - c. **Eph. 6:24; John 14:15.**
 - 2) Never let hardships cause you to leave the Lord.
2. **Vs. 36** "As it written..."
 - 1) Paul refers to **Psalm 44:22** "Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter."

- 2) Christians faced ridicule/hardships.
 - 3) Yet, a crown is promised to the overcomers (**Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58**).
- B. Verse 37: "...we are more than conquerors..."**
1. The result of faithfulness (**1 Cor. 15:57**).
 2. Can you name a battle that was won before it began?
 - 1) Paul already knew the outcome (**2 Tim. 4:6-8**).
 - 2) David knew he would win... (**1 Sam. 17:46**).
- C. Vss. 38-39.**
1. I am persuaded: "trust, have confidence (**2 Tim. 1:12**).
 2. Nothing should ever come between us and God.

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. Chapter 8 urges faithfulness in the face of trials.**
- B. Rom 8:18** "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."