

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: GOD is for You

Week 5: The Certainty of No Separation

The end of Romans is punctuated by 7 questions. Romans **8:31-39**. Paul is moving from information to application so we can experience **transformation**: Romans **8:31a**.

2 answers come to mind in response to: Romans **8:31a**. (1) **I can't say anything**. Or (2) **I must say everything**.

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7 reasons why we should explode in worship:

1. **Jesus protects us**. Romans **8:31b**:
2. **Jesus provides for us**. Romans **8:32**.
3. **Jesus purifies us**. Romans **8:33**.
4. **Jesus prays for us**. Romans **8:34**
5. **Jesus preserves us**. Romans **8:35a**.

Paul lists 7 troubles which have no power to separate us from the love of Christ in answer to this question.

-**Trouble (tribulation)** means, *"to break or be squeezed"* because of outward pressures.

-**Hardship (Distress)** is literally, *"a narrow place."* It's what happens inwardly when we feel surrounded. The rollercoaster of experiences & emotions can't cut us off from God's love.

-**Persecution** refers to suffering because of your faith.

-**Famine** is a severe want of food.

-**Nakedness** the need for clothes or shelter & the embarrassment of being exposed.

-**Danger** is the idea of living in imminent & incessant peril.

-**Sword** refers to the "slaughter-knife" & represents death.

Paul **Psalm 44:23** as a reminder of what to expect because God's people have always experienced opposition: Romans **8:36**

6. **Jesus prepares us**. Romans **8:37**.

The key is to think less about the power of things over you & more about the power of Christ within you.

7. **Jesus promises us**. Romans **8:38-39**.

Paul lists extremes which will never ever be able to separate us from the love of God.

-**Extremes of existence**: *"Neither death nor life."*

-**Extremes of spiritual forces**: *"Nor angels nor demons."*

-**Extremes of time**: *"Nor the present nor the future."*

-**Extremes of enemies**: *"Nor any powers."*

-**Extremes of space**: *"Neither height nor depth."*

-**Extremes of creation**: *"Nor anything else in all creation."*

Romans 8 begins with ***“no condemnation”*** and ends with ***“no separation.”*** These promises will never be reversed or revoked.

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God’s purpose is unchangeable, His power is unchallengeable, & His love is unconditional, so there is nothing I have to fear. The Who of my salvation is greater than the who of my opposition and I am more than a conqueror.