

“Remember, God keeps us right with God”

Romans 8:31-39.

“**These things**” = Our life right with God.

3 questions

Has God done enough to save us?

Could we still be condemned?

Can our salvation be taken away from us?

Our salvation is an absolute certainty.

It has to be because God is the one who has achieved it for us.

Verses 31 to 34

God has done enough to achieve it.

God has chosen, justified and no longer condemns us.

There is no one greater than **God** who can condemn us.

God’s conquering victory through Christ constantly intercedes for us.

Despite life, our salvation cannot be taken away from us.

It can’t because what God has done is impregnable and irreversible.

Verses 35 to 39

Life’s troubles are still the norm for the saved.

We may think they can take away our salvation.

But “in Christ” and “through Christ” we benefit “with Christ” from God’s conquering victory – We are secure.

God’s conquering victory is the Gospel.

The Gospel is the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel is what has made us right with God.

Nothing will be able to separate us from it.

A Bible Study – Romans 8:31 to 39

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In Chapter 8 verses 31 to 39 we come to a climax of the Apostle Paul’s letter to the church in Rome. These verses form his logical conclusion of all that he has written so far. They are not a new or standalone section of the letter. This is to be taken on when understanding the questions Paul asks and answers in these verses. So, when thinking through your answer to the questions below, think back to what Paul has already said in his letter.

Just for starters:

Can you remember what Paul wrote back in Chapter 1 verses 16 and 17 that he was not ashamed of? If not, look it up. Why was he not ashamed of it?

Ask someone in your group to volunteer to open in prayer asking God to teach you of Himself from his word.

Ask another to volunteer to read: Romans 8:31 to 39

Go through the following questions:

1. Go around your group and start by sharing with each other what you find initially encouraging or interesting about these words?
2. What is Paul’s answer to each of these questions and why:
 - i. “If God is for us who can be against us”? (31,32)
 - ii. “Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen”? (33,34)
 - iii. “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ”? (35-39)
3. “In all these things we are more than conquerors” is not something we are asked to do but what we are. What reason is given in verse 37?
4. Do you think these verses are an apt conclusion of all that Paul has written so far in his letter? Why?
5. “The love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” is a summary of the Gospel. Do you agree? Why?
6. Go around the group and share how these verses are a reassurance to you of your salvation.

Close with prayer thanking God for what you have learnt.

In preparation for next week’s Bible Study read ahead Romans 9:1-29

This Bible Study is such that it can be done on one’s own or with others in a Bible Study Group - even around the table at home. It’s designed to help you to remember the sermon, grow in your knowledge and love of God, appreciate your fellowship with other believers and to take your part in the life of the Church as followers of Jesus Christ - Trevor Young – Senior Minister Abbotsford Anglican