**Romans Series June 18, 2023**

**Victory Over All Things Through Christ - Romans 8:31-39**

1. **Christ’s Death Demonstrates How Much God Graciously Loves His People** Romans 8:31-32

 “If God is for us, who is against us?”

* There is no one strong enough to bring any opposition to God!
	+ See verses 35, 38, 39 for a sample list
* To show us the breadth and depth of His love, God willingly gave His Son
	+ This shows us that he will “freely give us all things”
		- This is not a promise that anything we ask God for that He must give us
		- It is an illustration of the comprehensive love of God and His promise of future glory (see Romans 8:30)

2. **Since God Has Justified Believers We Cannot Face Condemnation**
Romans 8:33-34a

* Elect – those who God sovereignly has set apart to Himself as His people
	+ The Israelites (1 Chronicles 16:13) initially
	+ All who are in Christ specifically (see 1 Peter 2:9)
* Justifies – God declares the believer in Christ to be righteous
	+ It is a divine act of God
	+ Therefore, since God has made believers righteous, they cannot face any condemnation (future punishment from sin)

3. **Christ Intercedes for All Believers** Romans 8:34b

* At Christ’s ascension, He returned to heaven
	+ There He is seated at God’s right hand
	+ He intercedes (prays for) all believers
	+ He prays in concert with the Holy Spirit, working out God’s will (Romans 8:26-27)

4. **Christ Enables All Believers to Be Conquerors** Romans 8:35-37

1) Tribulation – generally, all troubles that a person may face

2) Distress – stressful situations

3) Persecution – being harassed or oppressed for faith

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5. **Christ’s Love Assures All Believers of Victory** Romans 8:38-39

**What does this mean for me?**

* Be comforted by the fact that nothing will be able to eternally defeat you or separate you from God’s love
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* God is for you and He showed just how much He loves you by sacrificing His Son
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* You do not need to fear any punishment by God because He has made you righteous
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