

VIII

Four Impossibilities

ROMANS 8:31–39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present

nor things to come, nor powers,³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 JOHN 4:7–12

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22–24

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴ “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

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THINK ABOUT

These verses are among the most majestic, inspirational, and comforting words ever written. Here is the security of the hope of the Gospel.

Paul has already said that God's purposes for His children will not be thwarted (v. 28–30). Now he explains that his love for his children guarantees our salvation. Note all of the rhetorical questions.

Here are the four impossibilities:

- No opposition: God is for us
- No accusation: God justifies
- No condemnation: Christ has died for our sins
and is presently interceding for us
- No separation from the love of God

APPLY

When you feel alone and vulnerable, remember that God is for you.

Not only did Jesus Christ die for you, He will give you all you need in this life to live for His glory.

When Satan accuses you of your sins, remind him that you are justified — declared righteous by a holy God through faith in Christ.

In the painful situations of life, remember that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

ASK

Why is this one of the most loved passages in all of Scripture? In what way has God used it in your life?

What are the outstanding truths that would be helpful to share when a brother or sister is struggling?

Paul has previously said that the “Spirit Himself intercedes for us” (v. 26). Is this different from the Son of God “who indeed is interceding for us” (v. 34)?

PRAY

Praise God for this love from which separation is impossible.

Ask God for help to tell others of this amazing love.

When Satan attacks you, ask God to help you to resist him.

Praise God for the cross of Christ and His glorious resurrection.



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“FOUR IMPOSSIBILITIES”

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