

## Romans 8v28-39: The Triumph of Faith

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### v28-34: Faith's triumph and eternity

#### Dispelling all fears with respect to meeting God

#### Context is the saints as God's elect ones

**v28-30:** All things working together for our eternal good, according to divine purpose, with respect to our salvation in the past (divine foreknowledge & predestination), the present (divine calling & justification) and the future (divine glorification).

God's ultimate purpose for individual believers, those "**WHOM**" He has set His purpose upon, is perfect conformity to His Son, that Christ might be displayed as the preeminent Firstborn Son.

**v31:** What can we say? Since God is for us, it matters not who is against us, because nothing can thwart or annul God's purpose for our eternal good, thus dispelling all fears for eternity.

**v32:** The ultimate proof of v31; God has done the greater thing in sparing not His own Son, so we can be sure He will also do the lesser thing, and freely give us all things connected with our eternal salvation (v29-30).

**v33:** What can anyone say? There are none that can make any accusation against God's elect, for God has justified us, acquitted us of guilt, declared us righteous, placed us beyond any charge, all accusing voices against us are silenced with respect to eternity.

**v34:** Who can condemn us? None can stand in judgment against God's elect; all demands are quashed because of our position "**in Christ**" (see v1), because of our links with a Man who died, rose again and is exalted at God's right hand, where He also intercedes for us.

### v35-39: Faith's triumph and time

#### Dispelling all fears with respect to facing the world

#### Context is the saints as God's beloved ones

**v35:** No possible form of earthly suffering can separate us from the love of Christ.

**v36:** Quotes Psalm 44v22, giving the cause, constancy & character of our suffering.

**v37:** All such suffering serves to strengthen the reality & appreciation of Christ's love for us, thus making us more than conquerors (super-conquerors) in this world.

**v38-39:** No extremes of state, power, time or space can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus, dispelling all fear for time, and in relation to this world.

Romans 8v1 – **NO CONDEMNATION** to them which are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8v39 – **NO SEPARATION** from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.