

“Growing Godly Families”

Week 4: “God’s Love – Our Absolute Assurance”

Faith Bible Church

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Romans 8:31-39 (New American Standard)

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 Just as it is written, "FOR THY SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PAUL IS GIVING US A HOPE AND A MINDSET TO CARRY WITH US AT ALL TIMES

1. As believers, our eternal destiny is _____ in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. As believers, we will experience _____ in this life.

3. We need not despair over our troubles in this life because _____ can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Application.

1. We all struggle with the things described in these verses (guilt, stress, fear of the future, etc.). How will you help a member of your family or your church to get through a struggle they have shared with you?

2. In your life, what affects you more: the outward circumstances of life or the promises of God?

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