

We are more than Conquerors through Jesus Christ

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Romans 8:18–19 (NLT) *Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. 19 For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.*

- Apostle Paul is weighing up the present suffering against the future glory that God will reveal in, and through His children
 - Paul says: It doesn't compare! Our present suffering is nothing compared to the future glory (splendour) that God will demonstrate through us
 - He says: All of creation is waiting for the future day when God will reveal who His children really are
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- We got some present-day suffering going on
 - Many of God's people are struggling with various challenges
 - These challenges haven't come about because of a plague
 - These challenges have come about because of government overreach & un-democratic dominance over the population
 - Restrictions, rules, regulations etc.
 - Resulting in job losses, divided families, divided nation, hatred towards those who don't believe or comply with the lies we've been told

Romans 8:31–39 (NLT) *What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? **If God is for us, who can ever be against us?** **32** Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? **33** Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. **34** Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. **35** Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? **36** (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") **37** No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. **38** And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. **39***

No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Paul made these comments about the present suffering against the backdrop of:

- The Roman dictatorship (Caesar)
- The merciless King Herod
- The legalistic Jewish Council called the Sanhedrin (Pharisees & Sadducees)

(Our current NZ government today fits all three of the above descriptions).

Paul asked 7 questions:

- Vs. 31. What shall we say about such wonderful things as these?*
- Vs. 31. If God is for us, who can ever be against us?*
- Vs. 32. Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?*
- Vs. 33. Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself.*
- Vs. 34 Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.*
- Vs. 35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?*
- Vs. 35 Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?*

Then Paul made 3 powerful statements:

- Vs. 37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us*
- Vs. 38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love*
- Vs. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord*

We make the same powerful statements today in our present time:

- a. *No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loves us*
- b. *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love*
- c. *No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord*

The above statements hinge on verse 32:

Romans 8:32 (NKJV) *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

- God has not withheld from us His most precious possession – His Son
- ... *how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

Questions:

- Have you received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord & Saviour yet?
- If so, what else do you need today?
- God will, along with Christ, freely give you all things

Action Points:

Romans 8:26–27 (NKJV) *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

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