

## More Than Conquerors

Romans 8:31-39

**Big Idea:** Because of our union with Christ, God is for us, and nothing can separate us from His love and care.

- I. Five unanswerable questions.
  - A. If God is for us, who can be against us?-vs. 31
  - B. How will God not also, with Christ graciously give us all things?-vs. 32
  - C. Who shall bring a charge against God's people?-vs. 33
  - D. If God is the One who justifies, who is to condemn?-vs. 34
  - E. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?-vs. 35
    - “Paul’s five questions are not arbitrary. They are all about the kind of God we believe in. Together they affirm that absolutely nothing can frustrate God’s purpose (since He is for us), or quench His generosity (since He has not spared His Son), or accuse or condemn His elect (since He has justified them through Christ), or split us from his love (since He has revealed it in Christ).” John Stott
- II. More than conquerors through Him who loved us.-vs. 37-39
  - A. Our confidence is in God's love for us.

## B. Our confidence is in our union with Christ.

“Though sin wars, it shall not reign; and though it breaks our peace, it cannot separate from his love. Nor is it inconsistent with his holiness and perfection, to manifest his favor to such poor defiled creatures, or to admit them to fellowship with himself; for they are not considered as in themselves, but as one with Jesus, to whom they have fled for refuge, and by whom they live a life of faith. They are accepted in the Beloved, they have an Advocate with the Father, who once made an atonement for their sins, and ever lives to make intercession for their persons. Though they cannot fulfill the law, he has fulfilled it for them; though the obedience of the members is defiled and imperfect, the obedience of their Head is spotless and complete; and though there is much evil in them, there is something good, the fruit of his own gracious Spirit...Hereby the Lord Jesus Christ is more endeared to the soul; all boasting is effectually excluded, and the glory of full and free salvation is ascribed to him alone...When, after a long experience of their own deceitful hearts, after repeated proofs of their weakness, willfulness, ingratitude, and insensibility, they find that none of these things can separate them from the love of God in Christ, Jesus becomes more and more precious to their souls. They love much, because much has been forgiven them. They dare not, they will not ascribe anything to themselves, but are glad to acknowledge, that they must have perished (if possible) a thousand times over, if Jesus had not been their Saviour, their shepherd, and their shield. When they were wandering he brought them back, when fallen he raised them, when wounded he healed them, when fainting he revived them. By him out of weakness they have been made

strong; he has taught their hands to war, and covered their heads in the day of battle.” John Newton