

ACCESS

Part 7: God will carry you through! He INSULATES us!

Romans 8:31-39

The Father FREELY provides what we need to make it through!
vs. 31-32

The Father provides EVERY gift of Salvation

No CHARGES against us stick!

No CONDEMNATIONS against us stick!

Nothing exists that can SEVER us from God's love!
vs. 35-39

Cluster #1 – PERSONAL list of fictional disqualifiers
vs. 35

Does God stop loving us because we deal with:

Tribulation = PRESSURES in life

Trouble = inescapable INTERNAL difficulties

Persecution = ABUSE for the cause of Jesus

Famine = deprived of SUSTENANCE

Nakedness = deprived of PHYSICAL needs

Danger = exposed to fearful, DREADFUL events

Sword = EXECUTION

Cluster #2 – COSMIC list of fictional disqualifiers
vs. 38-39

No state of BEING – *'death or life'*

No created SPIRITUAL beings – *'angels, principalities'*

No ERA of time – *'things present, things to come'*

No SUPERNATURAL forces – *'powers'*

Nothing ABOVE us or BELOW us – *'height, depth'*

NOTHING CREATED CAN SEPARATE US!

Life Group Discussion Questions – November 28, 2021

Romans 8:31 *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?*

DISCOVER (read Romans 8:32)

1. How generous is the Father in providing everything we need to obtain and secure our salvation? What does this tell us about how secure our salvation is once received?
2. Read vs. 33-34. Remember that *justify* means the Father taking our sin and placing it on the cross of Jesus and taking the righteousness of Jesus and placing it onto our account. What does it mean that no charges against us stick? According to verse 34, why is it that condemnation doesn't stick either?

EXPLORE

1. Over the centuries Christians have doubted their relational security. When hard times hit people often wonder if God has given up on them or tried to figure out what they have done to sever their relationship with God. Read vs. 35-37. What personal experiences does Paul list? How could these experiences lead someone to think their relationship with God is severed? Doesn't verse 36 show us that these experiences should be expected in life? What does verse 37 say about our ability to handle these personal life experiences?
2. Some believers struggle believing that there isn't someone or somehow that salvation can be taken away or lost. Paul's second list includes entities outside of our personal life experience that some people feel might sever our salvation. Read verses 38-39. What does Paul include in this list? Paul wraps up this thought with a final statement, *'nor any other created thing'*. If nothing that has been created can sever our salvation, what possible options are left?

EXPERIENCE

1. Have you experienced a season of doubting your salvation? What was your doubt based upon? How did you overcome it? How does this passage help to overcome future doubts?
2. How does our security in our relationship with Christ affect our relationship with others that may not have a relationship with Christ? How does this passage help you when an unbeliever says that Christians are all hypocrites because they don't live up to the Biblical standard?

PRAY

Pray...Father in heaven, thank you for Your generosity in freely giving us all things needed to obtain and secure our salvation. You gave us Your Son Jesus and everything else we might need to be saved. Help me to be confident that hard times and struggles do not sever our relationship. Help me to be fully convinced that Your gift of Salvation is secure. Amen

ACTION... What is one bold, loving gesture you can do that demonstrates the increased measure of confidence you have in your salvation?