Romans 8:31-39
"Completely His – Beginning to End"
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What then shall we say?

- Paul states two competing truths: first, that believers along with all of creation and even the Spirit (see vv. 22-23 and 26) face suffering in this world. Second, he says that God has a purpose for his people that is favorable and that they can endure.

God is for us

- Paul emphasizes Christ's sacrificial death in two ways: Jesus is God's "own" Son, and he is also God's "only" Son. He is not simply any noble son of Adam.

- The unstated but obvious answer to "who can be against us?" is nothing (no one) whatsoever.

Nothing can separate us from God's love

- No one can bring a charge against God's elect, and "no one" (or "nothing") can separate us from his love.

Kingdom-minded servants of Jesus rest in the assurance that the God of all creation is actively working in their lives.

Notes on Today's Message

Questions for Personal Study or Group Discussion

Open

- On a scale of "optimist" to "pessimist," where would you put yourself? Why?

Read

- Romans 8:31-39

Observe

- What do you think Paul refers to when he says "all this" in verse 31?

- List the questions Paul asks in verses 31-35. Why does Paul raise them?

- How could the forces listed in verses 38-39 challenge our trust in God's love?

- How do verses 28-39 wrap up Paul's message so far in Romans?

Apply

- How has God put you through the "school of hard knocks" in the past? How might he be doing that right now?

- Which of the enemies listed in verses 38-39 are most real to you right know? Which of them hamper your ability to trust in God most?

- What encourages you most in this passage? How can the people in your group pray for you?

Prayer

- Remember those *times in* your life *when God worked "all things together for good."*

- Give thanks *to* God *for his gracious hand in your life*. Rejoice *in the assurance that nothing will be able to separate you from his love*.