

FEARLESS FREEDOM

ROMANS 8:31-39

God made us safe and secure by grace and through faith.
Can anything steal that freedom?

- 1. *There is no condemnation***, because we share the righteousness of God, not make our own.
- 2. *There is not simply an obligation***, because we have the Spirit of God to help us.
- 3. *There is not supposed to be frustration***, because we share the glory of God.
- 4. *There is no separation***, because we experience the eternal love of God.

I. THREATS FROM BEINGS—NO WAY

- 1.** First of all, we might wonder, “Can ***OTHER PEOPLE*** rob us of salvation by grace?”
- 2.** Second, we might wonder if ***CHRISTIANS CAN PUT THEMSELVES*** out of God’s grace by committing some unusually heinous sin.
- 3.** Third, we might wonder if ***GOD THE FATHER*** might take away our salvation by grace.
- 4.** Fourth, we might wonder if ***SATAN*** can take away our grace-wrought salvation.

ONE FINAL BIG BEING!

5. Fifth, we might wonder if ***OUR SAVIOR HIMSELF*** would take back His grace gift.

In **VERSE 34** Paul reveals four realities that protect our grace gift of salvation in Jesus Christ.

- First, he says that Christ Jesus died.
- Second, Christ was raised from the dead.
- Third, Christ is at the right hand of God.
- Fourth, Christ is interceding for us.

II. THREATS IN CIRCUMSTANCES—NO WAY

- 1.** *The first threatening circumstance is **TRIBULATION**.*
- 2.** *The second threatening circumstance is **DISTRESS**.*
- 3.** *The third threatening circumstance is **PERSECUTION**.*
- 4.** *The fourth threatening circumstance is **FAMINE**.*
- 5.** *The fifth threatening circumstance is **NAKEDNESS**.*
- 6.** *The sixth threatening circumstance is **PERIL**.*
- 7.** *The seventh threatening circumstance is the **SWORD**.*

GRACE IS FREE BUT NOT CHEAP!

The cost of being “*Overwhelming Conquerors*” has always been high. **MATT. 10:37-39**

- The things of the world should not continually keep a person from the things of God.
- First of all, we *overwhelmingly conquer* by coming out of troubles stronger than when we first believed.
- Second, we *overwhelmingly conquer* because our ultimate reward will far surpass whatever earthly and temporal loss we may suffer.

III. CONCLUSION: NOTHING CAN THREATEN OUR GRACE

This chapter closes with a beautiful summary of what has just been said.

- 1.** *Paul begins his list with **DEATH**, which, in our earthly life, we experience last.*
- 2.** *The second supposed hindrance does not seem like a hindrance at all: We think of **LIFE** as the best thing ever . . . but it's not!*

3. *The third supposed threat is **ANGELS**—fallen ones.*
4. *The fourth supposed threat is **PRINCIPALITIES**.*
5. ***THINGS PRESENT AND THINGS TO COME**—everything we are experiencing and will yet experience.*
6. ***POWERS** means Christians need not fear any other power—asteroids to A-bombs.*

There is nothing anywhere at any time that “*shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is Christ Jesus our Lord.*” **NOW THAT’S FEARLESS FREEDOM.**