



FOUR questions we're going to answer about God's Irrefutable Love.

1. WHO CAN OPPOSE US?

If you will look intently at verse 31b, Paul says, "If God is for us, who can ever be AGAINST us?" Now, let's give the answer to that question. Here's the answer: **MANY TRIED AND MANY WILL TRY TO OPPOSE US BUT GOD IS FOR US!** The Bible says we have enemies in this world. This is why I talked to you about Spiritual Warfare for three Sundays. We are not against flesh and blood. We're against the devil. But the devil uses people to oppose us. We have enemies!

How do we know that God is for us? Look at Romans 8:32. "Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else (NLT)?" **When God has already given you the BEST, his Son, He will willingly give you everything you need in life.** When a person gives you something as expensive as a diamond necklace, I'm sure he'll give you the box. God has already given us the precious diamond of his Son, and now, anything else He could ever give to us is just like the box the diamond comes with. Everything else is so much less valuable than God's Son. So God will graciously give us everything that we need.

2. WHO CAN ACCUSE US?

Romans 8:33a - "Who dares ACCUSE us whom God has chosen for his own (NLT)?" Well, here's the answer: **SATAN ACCUSES, BUT GOD EXCUSES!** Satan accuses us all the time, but God excuses, He forgives, He justifies. The very name Satan in Hebrew means slanderer. Satan is our accuser. In fact, look at what the Bible says in Revelation 12:10b, "For the accuser [satan] of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth - the one who accuses them before our God day and night (NLT)."

That's what Satan does. He roams around as a roaring lion finding a prey to devour! He accuses us before God. But God said to you, Isaiah 43:25 - "I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again (NLT)." Well, Satan will always accuse you. But God forgives us and He forgives perfectly.

3. WHO CAN CONDEMN US?

Romans 8:34a says, "Who then will CONDEMN us?" The answer: **JESUS COULD CONDEMN BUT INSTEAD HE IS PLEADING FOR US!** Romans 8:34b - "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 (NLT)." Imagine we're in the courtroom of God. Do you know who the Chief Justice of the Heavenly Supreme Court? The Lord Jesus Christ is the judge. One day the Lord Jesus Christ will condemn sin and sinners. This is the simple truth: You are either in Christ or you're out of Christ. If you are in Christ, there will never be any condemnation come upon your life, but if you are outside Christ, you are the target of condemnation for your sin.

Our salvation is not dependent upon how good you are or how good I am. Our salvation is bound up in Jesus in Heaven pleading for us. If He is praying for you, nothing and no one can make Him stop interceding for you. Who can condemn us? Nobody can!

4. WHO CAN SEPARATE US?

Romans 8:35a - "Can anything ever SEPARATE us from Christ's love (NLT)?" That word, separation, is a Greek word which means "to chop off," "to cut off." It would be like our word in English, amputate. Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Of course, the answer is **NOTHING, NOBODY.** But then, the apostle, Paul, gives us several categories of things that are unable to separate us.

JESUS' LOVE IS NOT BROKEN BY EMOTIONAL FACTORS

Romans 8:35b - "Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity...(NLT)?" The word TROUBLE means "INNER PRESSURE." Do you feel like there is something inside of you that is giving you a lot of problems, whether it is depression, discouragement or anger or bitterness? Then Paul uses a second word in that verse, CALAMITY. That's a word that means "OUTER PRESSURE." It's a word used to describe being caught between two rocks—like we say between a rock and a hard place. Do you feel like you are not only getting pressure from within, you are getting pressure from without? Whether it's financial pressure, pressure on your job, pressure from family members, pressure from friends or boyfriend or girlfriend? You can be persecuted by your parents or friends for being a Christian. The Bible says no emotional pain can cut you from God's love.

JESUS' LOVE IS NOT BROKEN BY PHYSICAL FACTORS

Romans 8:35c - "Does it mean he no longer loves us if we...are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death (NLT)?" Even physical pain, cannot cut us from God's love. Why do Christians suffer? I know right now there are many of you who may suffer physically in one way or another. Some of you may feel like you are hammered with sickness. You may feel like you are the target of a lot of pain.

You may suffer hunger because of lack of money. People might have received threats because of your principles and love for God. You have to remember that even the pain you suffer will not separate you from the love of God.

JESUS' LOVE IS NOT BROKEN BY EARTHLY FACTORS

Romans 8:38a,39a - "38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life...39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below (NLT)." Paul is saying, "Death doesn't separate you from the love of God." People who have Jesus Christ in his heart know that death ushers us into the presence of God

Death can't separate you. Life can't separate you. Paul uses words, "sky above or in the earth below." The word SKY means "the highest pinnacle on earth"; the word EARTH is the word BATHOS. We talk about the deepest part of the ocean being the bathysphere. No earthly factor can. Nothing you experience in your time on earth can separate you from the love of God.

JESUS' LOVE IS NOT BROKEN BY HEAVENLY FACTORS

Not just earthly things, but eternal things or heavenly factors. Romans 8:38b,39b - "38...neither angels nor demons...39 nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God... (NLT)" Now that's an interesting word. It's a word that means other created things. Nothing in heaven or on earth can separate you from the love of God!



- 1.) Do you sometimes question God's love for you, why?
- 2.) What are the accusations you receive that makes you paralyzed in your spiritual life?
3. What have you learned about God's love today?

Pray for each other in your group.