

You Were Created to Conquer (Romans 8:31-39)

(31) What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (32) He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

(33) Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. (34) Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

(35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? (36) As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." (37) No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

(38) For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, (39) nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Practical Application

1. Review (Rom. 8:18-30): God is good and made everything good in the beginning. Because of sin, all creation groans, including us. God is working all human history out for the good of those who love Him, and for His glory. In His goodness, God is growing us and will bring us home to eternal glory one day. Suffering has a purpose, will not last forever for you (Christian), and can't compare to the good that you have coming to you. There is a purpose for all your pain. The current state of groaning of the creation and of us is like the pains of childbirth. Wait patiently because a beautiful gift is coming that will make up for all your temporal pain.
2. How should you respond to God's grace, love, salvation, foreknowing you, predestining you, calling you, justifying you, giving you peace with Himself, adopting you, bringing you into union with Himself, and glorifying you? You should respond with total trust and devotion.
3. God is for you, and nothing or no one can stand against you. You were created to conquer!
4. God gave His Son Jesus for you and your eternal salvation. If He has already given you His best, will He not continue to provide you with His best for all you need now and forever? Christian, God's grace is upon you right now. Enjoy God's grace today.
5. Christian, you are God's chosen child. He has already declared you right (justified you). There is no condemnation for you, and there never will be. No one can justly bring any charge against you that will result in condemnation for you. You are forgiven, free, and forever His. Rest in His love today.
6. Jesus Christ came for you, lived for you, died for you, was raised for you, ascended into heaven for you, is praying for you right now, and will one day bring you home. No-one loves you like Jesus.

7. Nothing can separate you from God's great agape love. His love is never stopping, never giving up, un-breaking, always and forever love. Thank God for His amazing love today.
8. External physical suffering, internal suffering, human hatred, natural disasters, poverty, dangerous people or situations, weapons in the hands of evil people, rageful murderers, death, life, good angels, fallen angels (demons or satan himself), sinful government officials, things today in this life or into eternity, powerful forces, high things, low valleys, nor anything that God has made can separate you from the love of God that has been poured out on you through Jesus Christ. You have nothing to fear. God's perfect love cast out fear.
9. You are more than a conqueror because of the love and power of Jesus Christ! You were created to conquer!

Announcements

-Feb. 18 Women's Event: Sunday after worship. Prayer Board Party - A potluck for all women of the church – An opportunity to organize and plan for 2024. Combines crafting, prayer and fellowship. See Laura Hammac

-Feb 11: Man Church, lunch, with guest speaker Andrew Varvoutis. Join us today from 12-1!

Starting Monday February 12 "The Pursuit" – Men's small groups will meet M, T, Thurs & Sun (Led by: Brad Vick, Rip Coker, DeWayne Osborn and Clay Hammac). Contact Brad Vick – (205) 396-0153 – bwvick@yahoo.com

-Feb 17 – Saturday – Winter Jam Christian Concert – Youth – See David Barrero

-We have an opening for the position of Church Secretary. It is a volunteer position that involves general office duties. If you would like more information on how you can help HMC with this need, see Personnel Team Chair Lee Hyde or respond to info@hopemountain.church