

Romans 8:35-39 Sermon Study Questions - Pastor John Fernandez - 10/2/2022

1. Read Romans 8:35-39. Who is the question referring to? Who is the "us"? Why is it important to understand who this is addressing?
2. What does the question in v. 35 imply the Roman Christians were struggling with? Is this a problem with Christians today? If so, what causes them to feel this way about God?
3. Paul lists several things that the Roman Christians thought indicated they had been separated from Christ's love. What are examples today of things that can tempt Christians to think they are no longer loved by Christ? Any circumstances in your life that tempt you to feel this way?"
4. What does verse 36 indicate about what the early church was dealing with? How does our culture's hostility to God's laws affect you? Why do you think Paul quoted a Psalm from 1000 years earlier showing God's people were mistreated back then? Why would the Lord want us to know this about past believers?
5. In verse 37, what does Jesus want us to know about Himself? Why is this a surprising answer to the question of v. 35?
6. V. 37 says Christians "overwhelmingly conquer (are victorious) IN ALL THESE THINGS". What are the "things" he is talking about? If we are conquering through Christ "IN" these things, what does that indicate about what God allows in our lives? How does this contradict the prosperity gospel?
7. If we are conquering through Christ "IN" the midst of the suffering mentioned in v. 35, what does this indicate about the sufficiency of Christ for His people? Why would it be important we know this?
8. In Acts 16:22-25, how did the Lord enable Paul and Silas to "overwhelmingly conquer" their suffering in prison?
9. According to the following verses how is God able to give victory for His people?
 - a. John 14:27; 16:33
 - b. Philippians 4:12-13
 - c. Romans 8:13
 - d. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
10. Romans 8:37 says we are given victory in our suffering through Christ who has loved us? How did God display His love for us through Christ? What do the following verses tell us about this love? Romans 5:6-10; Ephesians 5:2; Ephesians 5:25
11. Romans 8:37 implies that Christians must believe in the sufficiency and love of Christ for them. Does it matter if we believe and rest in this truth? Why or why not?
12. In Romans 8:38-39, Paul lists all spheres of existence, indicating in none of them is there possibility of causing or experiencing separation of God's love from us. Which of them at times has tempted you to fear harm or separation from God's love?
13. Take time to praise God for His love.
14. Identify an area you need to trust in Christ's sufficiency and love instead of worrying. As an aid to do this paraphrase 8:37 "For in _(name an area of concern)_ I am an overwhelming conqueror through Christ who loved me." Pray about this area, communicating your trust in Christ concerning it.