





WE ARE SEPARATED

COMFORT FROM ROMANS 8

- **So far:**
 - **All creation was damaged in fall to sin**
 - **Humankind messed EVERYTHING up**
 - **All creation is groaning in anticipation**
 - **God Helps us in our prayer**
 - **Calls people (all people)**
 - **God has a special place if you respond**
 - **God loves you**
 - **God works for good to come out of all**
 - **Jesus is owning you before the Father**

THE BACKGROUND

- 2 Cor 11:22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I. ²³ Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. NIV

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- **35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered 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 convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

1. DANGER CANNOT SEPARATE US FROM CHRIST

- **35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?**
 - **Paul knew all these things**
 - **He bore personal testimony that God's love still stands even after experiencing these.**
 - **Most of us haven't experienced:**
 - **Persecution, famine, nakedness, or swords.**
 - **We currently have trouble, hardship, danger.**

2. DEATH COULD COME

- **36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”**
 - **Death is the great unknown**
 - **What lies beyond?**
 - **Concentration camps, - needed hope**
 - **As the follower of Jesus during the Communist Revolution, Watchman Nee was imprisoned for twenty years and then later prosecuted for his belief.**

2. DEATH COULD COME

- 2. It is a fact that the Lord Jesus has already died for you. It is also a fact that you have already died with the Lord Jesus. If you do not believe in your death with Christ, you will not be able to receive the effectiveness of death with Him – freedom from sin. –
- 3. He who is able to accept everything gladly from the Lord – including darkness, dryness, flatness – and completely disregard self is he who lives for Him
- “I do not consecrate myself to be a missionary or a preacher. I consecrate myself to God to do His will where I am, be it in school, office, or kitchen, or wherever He may, in His wisdom, send me.”

3. IF WE HAVE DIED WE “HAVE ALREADY CONQUERED” THIS FEAR

- **37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**
- **20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal 2:20**
- **3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Col 3:3**

3. WE “HAVE CONQUERED” THIS FEAR

- **37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**
- **John 3:16... that whosoever believes shall not perish, but have eternal life!**
- **Two choices in life: conqueror or defeated**
 - **Paul would have seen it**
- **Note the reason for us being conquerors**

4. THE STAGES OF A TEST

- **38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
 - **Death/ Life- the basic choice**
 - **Angels, demons- The forces that guide**
 - **Present nor future- wrestling now or to come**
 - **ANY powers- Government, spiritual, IRS**
 - **No matter how high you go, or how deep**
 - **One virus in all of creation!**
- **Is God sovereign or is He not?**

- **Covid in light of Romans 8: Summary:**
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 - All creation is groaning in anticipation
 - God Helps us in our prayer
 - Calls people (all people)
 - God has a special place if you respond
 - God loves you
 - God works for good to come from all things
 - God is for us, nothing/ nobody against
 - God gives good things
 - We cannot stand condemned
 - God is hearing Jesus and the Holy Spirit

SO WHAT?

- **Face Covid with Courage**
- **God is with you even in Covid**
- **Live life like you're already dead**
 - **Let each day surprise you!**
 - **Each day is a gift**
 - **Cherish your days**
- **Don't let fear of Covid beat you down**