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- Women's First Saturday Coffee - Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am
  - Parent Sunday - Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Fall Festival - Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am
- Henry Cowell Camping Connections Trip - October 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>
- Forensic Faith Conference - Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am
  - CityTeam Outreach - Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Altamoms - Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm
- Women's Day at CityTeam Oakland - Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 am
- Women's Ministry Harvest Brunch - Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Kids Against Hunger Food Packing Event - Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

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## SONGS & SERMONS

- "Always" - Jason Ingram, Kristian Stanfill
- "Everlasting God" - Brenton Brown, Ken Riley
- "O God" - Craig Smith
- "Forever Reign" - Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan
- "Before the Throne of God Above" - Shane & Shane

To listen or watch today's message, visit [www.vbc.online/media](http://www.vbc.online/media)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00  
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,308,492.00

Giving Last Week.....\$25,989.00  
Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,223,382.00

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# Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

**MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: JAY SCOTT**

## MESSAGE NOTES

*The Steadfast, Unshakable Love of God*

Romans 8:31-39

**Rom. 8:31** *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

God's great love, demonstrated by the gift of salvation through His son, enables us to endure opposition.

**Rom. 8:31-34** *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> 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? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> 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.*

### Questions without answers

- (1) "What then shall we say to these things?" [8:31a]
- (2) "If God is for us, who is against us?" [8:31b]
- (3) "He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" [8:32]
- (4) "Who will bring a charge against God's elect?" [8:33a]
- (5) "God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns?" [8:33b-34a]



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**God's great love for us in Christ Jesus enables us to be more than conquerors through every trial for His sake.**

**Rom. 8:35-37** *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?* <sup>36</sup> *As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."* <sup>37</sup> *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

Another question without an answer:

(6) "Who will separate us from the love of Christ?" (8:35a)

Shall tribulation,	or	distress, or
persecution,	or	famine, or
nakedness,	or	danger, or
sword? (8:35b)		

**God's great love for Paul strengthened him to bear all the trials, tribulations and persecution he faced as the cost of discipleship.**

**2 Cor. 11:23-27** *Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. <sup>24</sup> Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; <sup>26</sup> on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; <sup>27</sup> in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.*

**God's great love for us gives us confidence for life now and the assurance of life in eternity.**

**Rom. 8:38-39** <sup>38</sup> *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> 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.*

**2 Peter 1:3-4** *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup> by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.*

### So What?

Do you live with the burden of guilt, shame and fear?

What needs to change for you to enjoy the freedom from sin that God has given you in Christ?

Will you rejoice in the knowledge that there is no condemnation and no separation if the Spirit of God lives in you?

Our confidence is not in our love for him, which is frail, fickle and faltering, but in his love for us, which is steadfast, faithful and persevering.

*John Stott, The Message of Romans*