UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our website at vbc.online/events for more detailed information.

You can also sign up for our weekly email newsletter by contacting admin@thecrossing.org.

- · Parent Sunday (MSM & HSM) Sunday, October 6th @ 9 am
- Fall Festival at the Altamont Saturday, October 12th @ 10 am
- · EncounterVBC (Newcomer Event) Sunday, October 13th @ 9 am
- · Henry Cowell Camping Connections Trip October 17th 20th
- · Forensic Faith Conference Saturday, October 19th @ 9 am
 - · CityTeam Outreach Saturday, October 19th
 - VBC Basketball Starts Sunday, October 20th
- · Women's Day at CityTeam Oakland Sunday, October 26th at 11 am
 - · Women's Ministry Harvest Brunch Saturday, November 2nd
- · Kids Against Hunger Food Packing Event Saturday, November 9th

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If you're new to VBC, we're glad you're here! Scan the QR code below to download our VBC App and get connected:



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SONGS & SERMONS

"Your Grace is Enough"

"The Lion and the Lamb" - Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring

"How Great Thou Art" - Maurice Hill

"Build My Life" - Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kable, Pat Barrett, Matt Redman

"Forever" - Christa Black Gifford, Kari Jobe, Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson, Joel Taylor

"Your Love Never Fails" - Anthony Skinner, Chris McClarney

To listen or watch today's message, visit 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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019MUSIC: DAN GILLETTE | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL

MESSAGE NOTES

The best for last: the love of God found in Christ!
Romans 8:31-39

THE CRUCIAL QUESTION: what's an appropriate response to Romans 8:1-30 (8:31a)?

Rom. 8:31a What then shall we say to these things?

Since He already gave the greatest of all possible gifts, will the Father not continue to give what we most need? (31b-32)?

Rom. 8:31b 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?



Since the Father justifies & the Son continues to meet our needs, will not the accusations & judgments of others lose their force (8:33-34)?

Rom. 8:33 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.

Since the Father's love in Christ can never be removed from us, will not the hardships of the present life fail to rob us of our security (8:35-39)?

- 1. A prelude to the love of God: why His love is so vital to us.
 - a. It reveals that God intentionally pursued us for our good.
 - **Eph. 1:5** In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,
 - b. It reveals the depth of God's commitment to our good.
 - **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
 - c. It reveals His emotional attachment to each of us personally.
 - **Eph. 2:4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

- 2. The worst of circumstances will never put us outside the love of Christ (35-37).
 - **Rom. 8:35** 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.
- 3. The most powerful forces of evil will never put us outside God's love found in Christ Jesus our Lord (38-39).
 - **Rom. 8:38** 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.