

Sermon Series: Romans

Sermon Text: Romans 8:31-39 Assurance of Universal Dominion

In our great conflict with evil, we have assurance of our conquest and universal dominion because of God's sovereign grace and Christ's perfect and perpetual work.

1) In Christ we have great conflict with evil (8:35-36).

- a) There are enemies who would separate us from the love of Christ (v. 35a).
- b) There are many evils in this world (v. 35b).
- c) Christian's suffer evil for the sake of Christ (v. 36).

2) In Christ we have assurance of our conquest and universal dominion.

- a) God graciously gives us all things with Christ (8:32).
- b) We are more than conquerors through Christ (8:37).
- c) Because of God's sovereign grace (8:31-33):
 - i) Assurance from Sovereign Grace: What shall we say to these things, namely, God's sovereign grace extolled in verses 28-30? If God is for us, who can be against us?
 - ii) Assurance from Argument from Greater to Lesser (v. 32):
 - (1) Greater: God already gave us the greatest gift in the death of His own Son.
 - (2) Lesser: So, He will give us every lesser gift promised to us, namely, "all things."
 - iii) Assurance from God's sovereign grace in justification (v. 33).
- d) Because of Christ's perfect and perpetual work (8:34):
 - i) Assurance from Christ's death (v. 34a)
 - ii) Assurance from Christ's resurrection (v. 34b)
 - iii) Assurance from Christ's ascension/intercession (v. 34c)
- e) **Application:** Inseparable from God's love in Christ you can (8:38-39):
 - i) Conquer death and life
 - ii) Conquer demon empowered rulers ("angels . . . rulers, . . . powers")
 - iii) Conquer anticipated and unanticipated opposition ("things present nor things to come")
 - iv) Conquer transcendent powers of evil ("height . . . depth")
 - v) Conquer all creation ("anything else in all creation")

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Doxology: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24-25)