

# Romans

God's Everlasting Love ([Romans 8:31-39](#))

## Read: God's Everlasting Love (8:31-39)

## Explain: God's Everlasting Love (8:31-39)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

What do the words mean?

**31 What then shall we say** [future active indicative] **to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?** **32 He who did not spare** [aorist middle indicative; abstain, treat leniently, forbear, spare] **his own Son but gave him up** [aorist active indicative; surrendered, yielded up, entrusted, transmitted, betrayed, brought forth, cast, committed, delivered, gave over, gave up, hazarded, put in prison, recommended] **for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us** [future active indicative; to grant as a favor, deliver, forgive, freely give, grant] **all things?** **33 Who shall bring any charge** [future active indicative; to call in (as a debt or demand), bring to account, accuse, call in question] **against God's elect** [select, favorite, chosen, elect]? **It is God who justifies** [present active participle; rendered just, rendered innocent, freed, justified]. **34 Who is to condemn** [present/future active participle; judge against, sentence, condemn, damn]? **Christ Jesus is the one who died** [second aorist active participle; has died off, is dead, died, lies a-dying]—**more than that, who was raised** [aorist middle participle; woke, roused, lifted up, raised again, stood]—**who is** [present middle indicative] **at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding** [present active indicative; chance upon, confer with, entreat, deal with, make intercession] **for us.** **35 Who shall separate** [future active indicative; place room between, go away, depart, put asunder, separate] **us from the love** [agape] **of Christ? Shall tribulation** [pressure, affliction, anguish, burden, persecution, tribulation, trouble], **or distress** [narrowness of room, calamity, anguish, distress], **or persecution, or famine** [scarcity of food, dearth, famine, hunger], **or nakedness** [nudity, nakedness], **or danger** [danger, peril], **or sword** [knife, dirk, war, judicial punishment, sword]? **36 As it is written** [perfect middle indicative], **“For your sake** [on account of, because, for cause] **we are being killed** [present active indicative; become dead, put to death, killed, mortified] **all the day long; we are regarded** [*logizomai*; aorist middle indicative; taken inventory, estimated, concluded, esteemed, imputed, numbered, reasoned, reckoned] **as sheep to be slaughtered** [butchered, sacrificed, destroyed, slaughtered].”

**37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors** [present active indicative; to vanquish beyond, gain a decisive victory, more than conquer] **through** [*dia*] **him who loved** [*agape*; aorist active participle] **us**. **38 For I am sure** [perfect passive participle; convinced, assented, rely, agreed, assured, believed, have confidence in, contented, make friend, obeyed, persuaded, trusted, yielded] **that neither death nor life, nor angels** [messenger, pastor, angel] **nor rulers** [chiefs, beginnings, corners, magistrates, powers, principalities, principles, rulers], **nor things present** [perfect active participle; place on hand, impend, be instant, come, be at hand, present] **nor things to come** [present active participle; intend, be about], **nor powers** [*dynamis*; force, miraculous power, ability, abundance, meaning, might, miracle, strength, violence, mighty work], **39 nor height** [an elevated place or thing, altitude, barrier, height, high thing] **nor depth** [profundity, extent, mystery, deep, deepness, deep things, depth], **nor anything else in all creation** [original formation, building, creation, creature, ordinance], **will be able** [*dynamai*; future active indicative; able, possible, be of power] **to separate us from the love** [*agape*] **of God in Christ Jesus our Lord**.

Are there any repeated words/topics?

What are some observations of the text?

**33-34 Ironside: Every voice is silenced. Every accusation is hushed. Our standing in Christ is complete.** **35 Hughes: Paul is speaking autobiographically, having experienced all that he writes about here, and he affirms that none of this—in fact nothing at all—can separate use from Christ’s love.** **34 Kroll: The only one who could legitimately condemn us is the very person who died for us.**

**Apply (What is the point?)**

1. Security of the believer
2. Bad stuff happens . . .
3. God’s got this

**Personalize (What do we do with that?)**

1. You + God = \_\_\_\_\_
2. Be quick to consider other \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Worry is real, but so is \_\_\_\_\_

**Next week: God’s Sovereign Choice (9:1-29)**

**Homework: Ask, Read, Talk, Send**