

Characteristics of God's love from Romans 8:31-39

A study of Romans 8:31-39 reveals volumes about the love of God. It is about the love of God for us than anything else.

1 John 3:16 *By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

- a) How do you know the Lord loves you? Because He died for you. He laid down His life for you. Some people look at the things they have as a sign that God loves them, but there is not math or comparison to this revelation that God loves me proof being He died for me. He died in my place.

① God is for us. (Verse 31)

- a) God is not against us. Because He loves us, He is 100% for us—never against us.

② God is a giver. (34)

- a) Because He loves us, He has demonstrated it giving up Jesus for us all.
- b) If He would give up His most Valuable and treasured dear son, all for free, shall He not give us all things we need -for free. Yes, He Has.

③ God has elected us

- a) When we are elected, it means someone of their own free will has chosen us. In this case, not people, but God. When God elects us, we are good and chosen by Him. His election is

the highest honor there is. He voted for us because we believed and accepted Jesus. Now we are qualified and have been given power and authority.

④ God has justified us

a) He has made us "just as we ought to be." He has made us just as if we have never sinned.

i) Romans 3:26—"Justifier of him which believes in Jesus." Justification is for believers in Jesus.

ii) You have been made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, —Justified. Justified = righteous. It means being made righteousness.

b) This reveals the love of God for us. If He would Justify us, why then doubt His love for us?

i) Just = Holy and Innocent. Before someone is declared innocent and Holy, the Judge passes a decree. The Judge must find them innocent and blameless after looking at the evidence.

ii) No charge or charges can be brought against us because we have been Justified. we have been acquired by Him and we stand forgiven. There is no accusation against us. All charges have been dropped. Our slate has been wiped clean.

⑤ God is not condemning us—Romans 8:1; 1 John 3:20-21.

a) Because He loves us, He is not condemning us. He died for us and was condemned on our behalf.

⑥ God (Jesus) is making intercession for us.

a) He can't be condemning us and making intercession for us as well. This a revelation of His love for us. Hebrews 7:25—"He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

b) Jesus' position, what It represents, did and accomplished on our behalf forever is an intercession for us forever.

- i) His presence before the Father speaks of our forgiveness and acceptance. When God sees Jesus, He sees us. We are accepted in the Beloved—Jesus.
- ii) His blood before the throne of God is an intercession for us. This blood speaks or prays better things like; we have been forgiven, all our sins have been paid for, we have been given access, blessed, Pooed, accepted, healed (Hebrews 12:4).
- iii) The Holy Spirit also intercedes for us—but does this with us and in us. Rather than do it all for us, He helps us.

⑦ Who can separate us

- a) God is not the one bringing tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, Sword (death, sickness, disease, loss, lack poverty).
- b) All these things come to separate us from the love of God. God is not the one sending or using them, why? Because He loves us.

⑧ More than conquerors (37)

- a) Why are we more than conquerors? Because of the love of God for us. When we receive and get revelation of His love for us, we conquer on all fronts. We take more ground and more territory all because of the love of God for us.
- b) Without His love for us, we cannot conquer.

⑨ Persuaded of God's love

- a) We need to be persuaded of God's love for us.
 - i) We need to be convinced and assured of His love for us and if we do; death, life, angels, principalities, powers, things present, things to come, Heights, depths, creature can be able to separate us from the love of God.
- b) Paul went through a lot of hardships and yet writes that nothing can separate him from His love.

- c) Notice things come to separate us from the love of God for us and we must push back and reject them. He must be persuaded of His love for us. This will help us to win in all circumstances—Come hell, hot water, strife, wife, knife. God loves us and because He does, He is not behind all these things.

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