

Lesson Four: The Love of God Paul Goebel | February 6, 2024

## Romans 8:31-39

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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. <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.



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## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Do you believe God loves you? Why or why not?
- 2. Do the circumstances of your life influence the way you think about God's love for you? Or does God's love for you influence the way you think about the circumstances in your life? What is the difference?
- 3. Read 1 John 4:8. What does John mean when he writes, "God is love"? What is difference between God's love and the way our culture defines love?
- 4. What does the Hebrew word *hesed* mean? What does this word have to do with God's covenant relationship with us?
- 5. Read Romans 8:38-39. What makes this promise so hard to believe?
- 6. What does the love of God have to do with the Gospel of Jesus Christ?