



THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Salvation by Grace Through Faith

“IN CHRIST” = “WALK ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT”

Romans 8:1 (NKJV)

¹ *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are **in Christ Jesus**, who do not walk according to the flesh, but **according to the Spirit**. (See also 8:4-5)*

To be **in Christ** is to be the same as being **led by the Holy Spirit**.



WHAT, THEN?

Romans 8 concludes with two questions that point to the end result of a **life in Christ** (= “led by the Spirit”).

If we are in Christ...

1. “Who can be against us?” (8:31)
2. “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” (8:35)



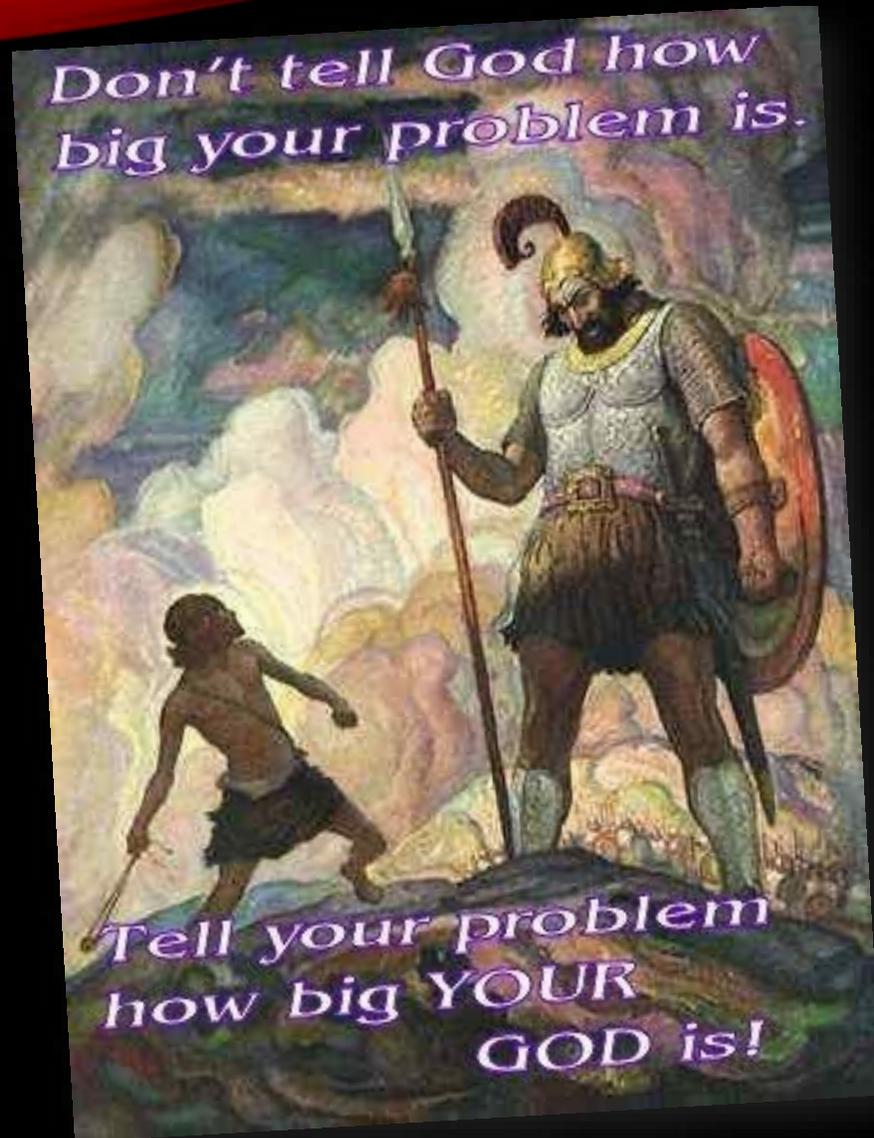
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Romans 8:31-34

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? **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? 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.



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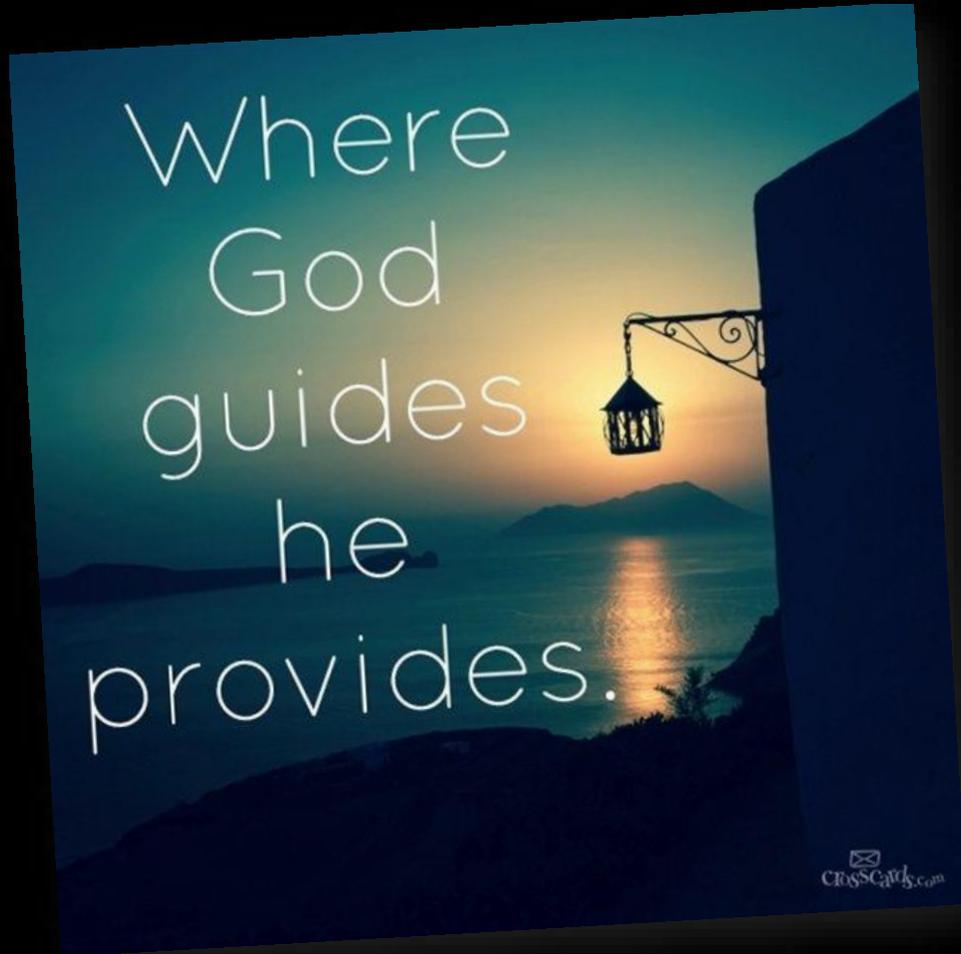
We serve a God who is more than enough against anything!

WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

Romans 8:32

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?

In Christ, God will always provide!



WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

DOUBLE JEOPARDY



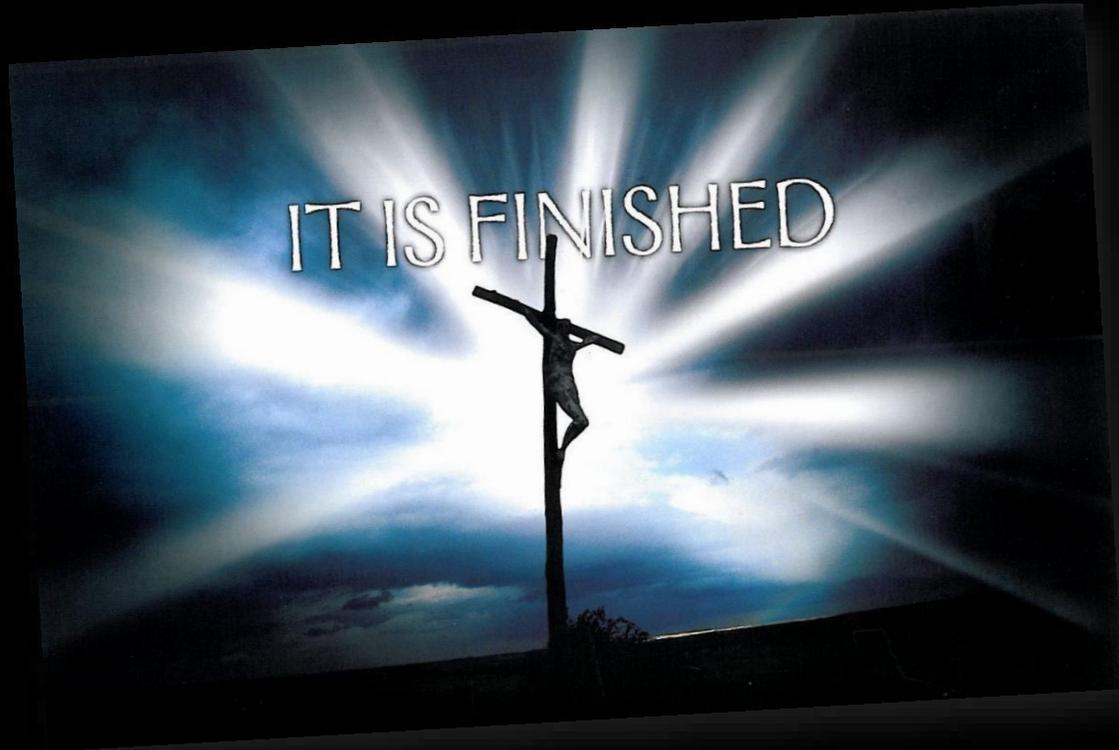
an individual can **NOT**
be tried twice for the
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WHO CAN SEPARATE US?

Romans 8:35-39

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. **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.

TRYING TO SEPARATE US FROM GOD'S LOVE

The enemy uses circumstances to try to separate us from **God's love!**

Ephesians 3:17-19

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being **rooted and grounded in love**, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is **the breadth and length and height and depth**, ¹⁹ and **to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge**, that you may be **filled with all the fullness of God**.

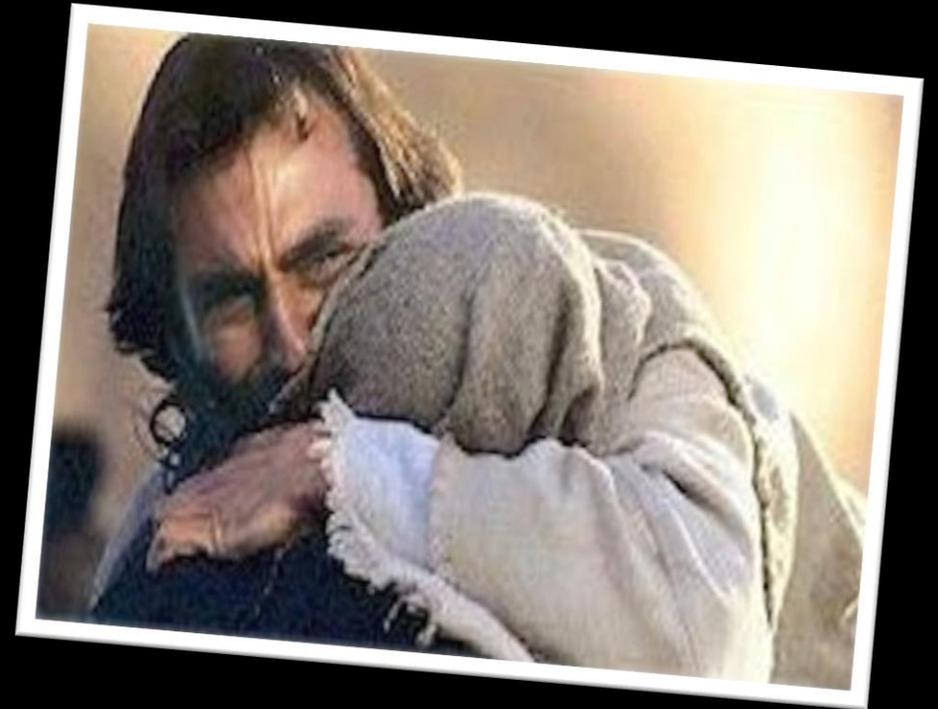


FIRST LIST OF POTENTIAL LOVE KILLERS

1. Tribulation
2. Distress
3. Persecution
4. Famine
5. Nakedness
6. Danger
7. Sword?

Romans 8:37

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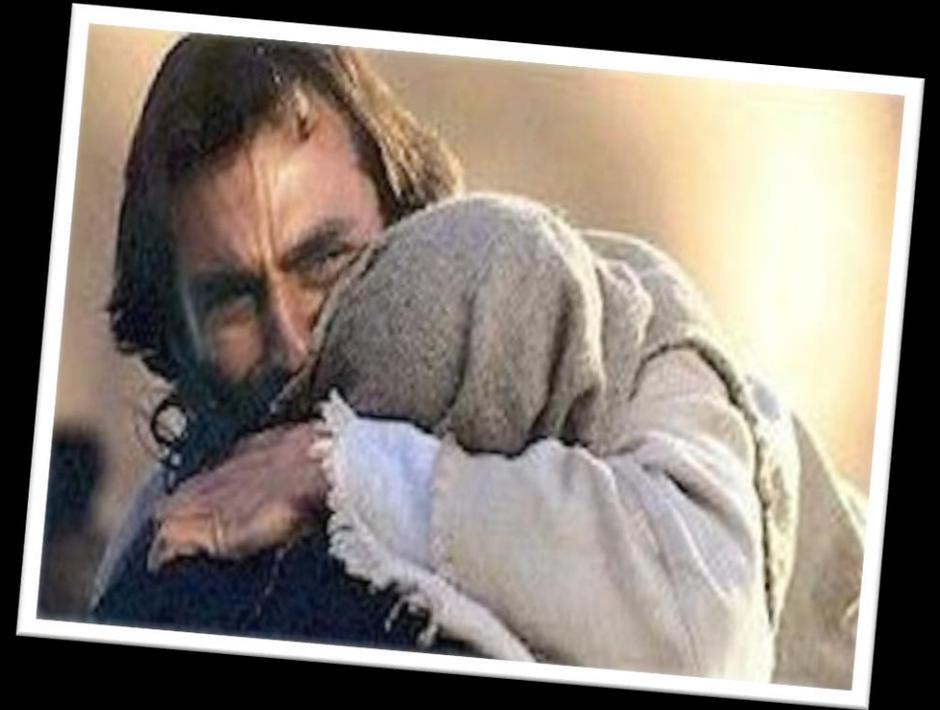


SECOND LIST OF POTENTIAL LOVE KILLERS

1. Death or Life
2. Angels or Rulers
3. Things present or things to come
4. Powers
5. Height or Depth
6. Anything else in all creation

Romans 8:37

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IN CHRIST

Are you letting
someone condemn
you?

Are you allowing
anything to
separate you from
the love of Christ?

