

## **More Than Conquerors—Romans 8:28–39**

Topics: Angels, Demons, Love, Persecution, Purpose, Security, Victory, Zeal

### **Open It**

1. How do you explain why bad things happen to nice people?

Romans 8:28–39 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup>And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

<sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

<sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<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.

### **Explore It**

2. How does God work in all the situations and events of a person's life? (8:28)
3. What does God want each person to become? (8:29)
4. What has God done to make people what He wants them to be? (8:30)
5. What made Paul confident that God takes care of His people? (8:31–32)
6. Where is Jesus Christ right now? (8:34)
7. What possible tragedies or hardships are unable to separate us from the love of Christ? (8:35–39)
8. What kind of persecutions have God's people often faced? (8:36)
9. What gives God's people the ability to respond in triumph to persecution? (8:37)

### **Get It**

10. What gives Christians confidence as they go through hard times?
11. How have you experienced God's never-ending love in your life?

**Apply It**

12. How can you show trust in God to work out your circumstances for good?