

Study Guide for June 17th, 2012. The Power of God's Love. Romans 8:31-39.

Introduction: What song or chorus particularly reminds you of God's love?

I. PAUSE: An opening reminder. (Rom. 8:31a)

A. Recall how Paul used this or a similar question as a transition. (Rom. 6:1, 15, 7:7)

B. Briefly summarize what Paul recently asserted (vs. 28-30). How should it affect us?

II. Five Probing Questions. (Rom. 8:31b-36)

A. What question does Paul ask in vs. 31b? What answer does he expect?

Rephrase the concept as a statement, "Since God is for us . . .

B. What did God give us (vs. 32a)? What question does Paul then ask (vs. 32b)?

Rephrase the concept as a statement, "Since God gave us his Son . . .

C. What question does Paul ask in (vs. 33a)? What has God already done for us?

Rephrase the concept as a statement, "Since God has chosen us . . .

D. What question does Paul ask in (vs. 34a)? What is Christ's action on our behalf?

Rephrase the concept as a statement, "Since Christ Jesus died for us . . .

E. What question does Paul ask in (vs. 35)? What binds us to God?

Rephrase the concept as a statement, "Since Christ loves us . . .

What opposition does Paul dismiss as being incapable of separating us from Christ?

Why might Christian endure these (vs. 36)? What is tone of Ps. 44 and this quote?

III. Two Confident Assertions. (Rom. 8:37-39)

A. How does Paul designate Christians? Who makes this designation possible?

B. What does Paul mention as possible threats to a Christian's secure position?

C. Reread these verses in light of John 6:35-40 & 10:27-30. Why are believers secure?

D. What has helped you become convinced of the power of God's love on your behalf?