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## *Romans 8*



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*Session 1 - "No Condemnation"*  
*Romans 8:1-11*

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*Romans 8:12-30*

**—> Session 3 - "The Inseparable Love of God"**  
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I. The Great Climax

II. If God is For Us - v. 31-34

III. Inseparable Love - v. 35-39





## **Session 1 - 8:1-11**

The Israel story leads to Jesus, the anointed Messiah as the sin offering through whom God did what Torah could not do - show up sin for what it is.

God then raised Jesus from the dead to give us what the Torah promised, an uncondemned, righteous life free from sin and death so, by His Spirit in us, we may set our minds in terms of His Spirit to please God in our earthly temple bodies.

## **Session 2 - 8:12-30**

We put off our old ways in the power of the Spirit of the risen Son in us, for we are children of our Abba Father, inheriting the vocation of interceding in the dark places to free a groaning creation, insufferable yet incomparable to the glory revealed as God works all things as he promised for all creation to reveal an inheritance as co-laborers over a new heaven and earth.



## Session 3 - *"The Inseparable Love of God"*

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us." Romans 8:31-34



## **I. The Great Climax - Romans 8:31-39**

“The whole story of Jesus in nine verses.”

*NT, Into the Heart of Romans, 182*

### **Seven Questions & Two lists of Dangers**

† What then are we to say about these things?

† If God is for us, who is against us?

† He gave his son, will he not with him also give us everything else?

† Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

† Who is to condemn?

† Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

† Will the {first list of 7 dangers} separate us?

For I am convinced {second list of 9 + everything else} will not separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.





## Rome & Today

### Worldviews & Dangers

Remember, Paul declares Jesus as Kyrios, the true Caesar over the Roman Empire.

Rome Then - “A world dominated by Rome with the one particular myth of the return of the golden age. Tied to the new reign of Julius Caesar’s stepson Octavius - Augustus - who will bring a time of peace and justice. It was imprinted on coins - the social media of the day. It was a lie based on Rome’s ruthless rule with oppression and crucifixions. Paul’s task is to encourage the believers in the smaller churches in Rome that were facing social stigma, loss of job, severe hardship and poverty, and the chance of violence and death from the Roman state and co-conspiring Jews who seek their demise. Paul says to them:

“you are more than conquerors!” NT, Truett, 2022



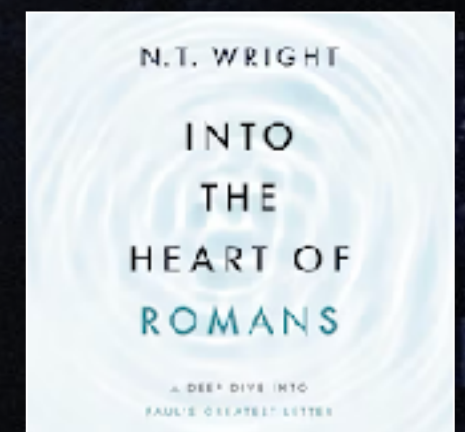
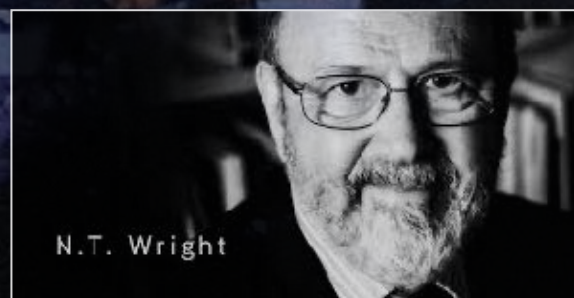


## **Rome & Today** (continued) Worldviews & Dangers

**Today** — “Our world is increasingly hostile to genuine Christian faith in the workplace, in social and cultural pressures, in public life, surrounded by sneering media and the whispering and the ‘Tittersphere.’ New morality are invented overnight and the church is expected to follow suit.

To clergy, I would say: make sure you always have this passage within easy and prayerful reach. ...whether or not we deserve what comes to us, God is for us and nothing can separate us from his love in the Messiah.”

*NT, Into the Heart of Romans, 178-179*





## II. Romans 8:31-34 — If God is For Us

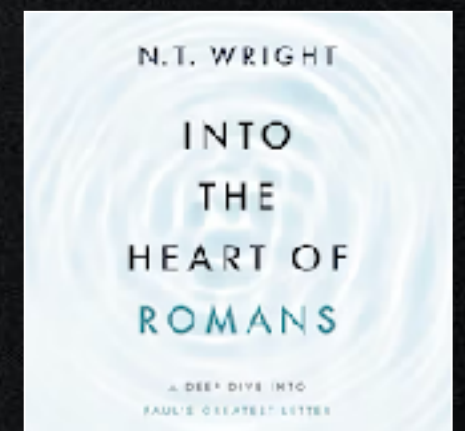
Verses 31-32 is the “coda”\* of Romans 8.

\* - “concluding passage or finale of a performance”

“It is not ultimately about death and life, or the forgiveness of sins. The whole chapter is about the love of God tying together Romas 5 and 8.” NT, Truett Conference, 2022

“Heaven is not a long way away. Heaven and earth are meant to work together. So, heaven is not detached from earth...heaven is the CEO’s office, the place from which “earth’ is run. Matthew 28:18 A wise obedient human being - God’s right hand man - is at the helm of the universe.”

NT, *Into the Heart of Romans*, 192





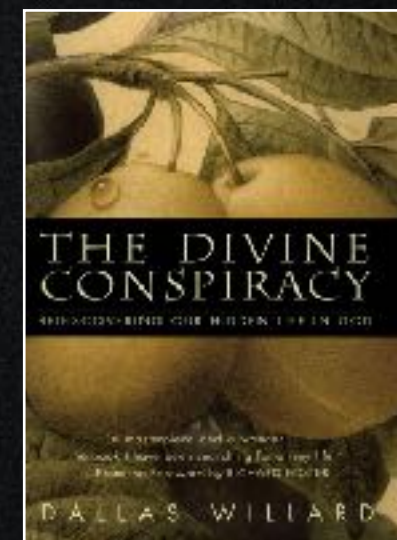


## If God is For Us (continued)

“He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else?” 8:32

The exclusiveness of the Christian revelation of God lies here. No one can have an adequate view of the heart and purposes of the God of the universe who does not understand that he permitted his son to die on the cross to reach out to all people, even people who hated him. That is who God is. But that is not just a "right answer" to a theological question. It is God looking at me from the cross with compassion and providing for me, with never ending readiness to take my hand, and to walk on through life from wherever I may find myself at the time.

Paul's sense of the meaning of the death of the son for the individual is spelled out in ecstatic detail in Romans 8:31–39. Dallas, *The Divine Conspiracy*, p. 335





<sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced 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. Romans 8:35-39



### III. Romans 8:35-39 “Inseparable Love”

“What is love? Love is the will to good for all concerned in our presence and our action. The truth is from where we are coming, broken people in a broken world, we really don’t know what love is. That’s why in the culture it is such a mess. It does so much harm and hurts so many people because of the confusion. If love in this sense were what governed our relationships in our families and beyond, of course, the world would be transformed beyond recognition. But too often love is confused with desire. Love is not desire.



I say I love chocolate cake but I don’t.

I want to eat it.” Dallas, “Healing the Heart” video 5A







**Romans 8:35-39 “Inseparable Love”** (continued)

The Emmanuel Story: God is with Us! New Temple People

God’s provision of atonement — God’s Son... Romans 8:1-3, 32

Not spared - “binding of Isaac” - Hebrew “aqedah” Genesis 22

Crucified

Resurrected

Ascended

Now Interceding.<sup>1</sup>

“How can there be any condemnation when Jesus is standing at the Father’s right hand, interceding for us?”<sup>2</sup>

“The Messiah’s Love”<sup>3</sup> — 8:35, 37 & God’s love v. 39

NT, *Into the Heart*, 1 - 187, 2 - 191; 3 - 208-214



## **Romans 8:35-39 “Inseparable Love” (continued)**

“Resurrection is where the letter begins in Romans 1:1-5, where Jesus has overcome the world and is ruler of the world. That begins the letter and we see it again here at the end of chapter 8. The single Jew and Gentile family of God in Christ is now ruling and reigning with Christ, by the indwelling of the Spirit, as agents of vocation out of obedience and the love of God.”

“Romans 8 theme: The Assurance Letter — God raised Jesus from the dead, so nothing else can separate us from His love.”

NT, Truett, 2022





## Life of Inseparable Love without Condemnation

“It is not easy to imagine the real life possibility of living without condemning when we grew up in a world such as ours. The steady influence of a very clear and very real example can do much to help us understand the gentleness of the way of Jesus.

When we enter the life of friendship with the Jesus who is now at work in our universe, we stand in a new reality where condemnation is simply irrelevant. *Romans 8:1, “No condemnation.”*

And as for the condemnation we may receive from others, I endeavor not to receive it, to just ignore it or drop it. Jesus died for me and is right now intervening on my behalf in the heavens. This helps me stay out of countercondemnation, with its pain and anger. *“Who is this one condemning me”, I ask, “when we sit beside the One who does not condemn me?”* I think I shall not be depressed about this condemnation of me, then, especially since I know that,

*“nothing can separate me from the eternal love of Christ” 8:33–35*

and in this context, it seems only intelligent just to have done with the whole condemning game.” Dallas, *The Divine Conspiracy*, 227





## Final Thoughts from Dallas & NT

*“Nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.”* That is the presence of Christ in our lives and our presence in His life. In that position, then you are perfectly safe no matter what may happen. Your safety is secured. This world, this universe, is a perfectly safe place for you to be no matter what happens.”

Dallas, “God is With Us”, Westmont College, 2011

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*“If God is for us, who can be against us?”*

Paul draws out the theme of the unbreakable, unstoppable love of God. *“Nothing will separate us from the love of God which is in the Messiah Jesus our Lord.”* This is so much bigger than we have imagined. We naturally shrink it. It’s difficult to tell the whole story which has got the Israel bit in it. We have to live with it and find fresh ways of saying what Paul says, as opposed to our late modern, post-Kantian, semi-platonic versions of all of that. Because what we have in Romans 1-8 is not the platonic heaven but the New Creation.”



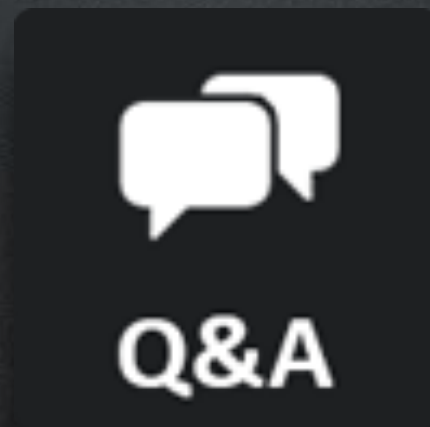
NT, [Paul & The Death of Jesus](#), Pepperdine, 2016 [@ 39:25]



# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)





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**Meditation** — *Romans 8:38-39*

## **Application for Your Spiritual Formation**

VISION - What does God's inseparable love look like and feel like to me?

INTENTION - How does desire play out in my inclinations over love?

MEANS - *"Jesus died for me! We must take time with this in prayer and meditate on passages about God's love for us."*

*Dallas, Life Without Lack, 151*



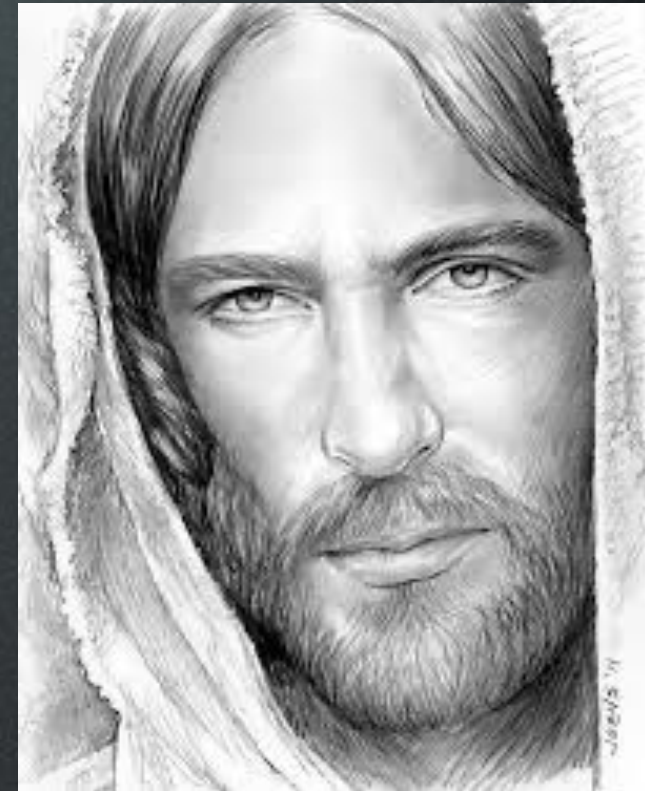
† Cross Fit



## Session 3 Summary

We can now be convinced — *assured* — that God, through the love, life, death and rising of His son Jesus now ascended in the vocation as the Father's right hand man, is interceding for us.

Therefore, as victorious conquerors, nothing the world and beyond throws at us will separate us from God's love.





May you live your next  
10,000 years in the  
noncondemning, unending,  
inseparable love of God by  
placing your trust in Jesus  
who proved his love for you  
by giving himself up for you  
and rising to talk to the  
Father about you.

*Doug*







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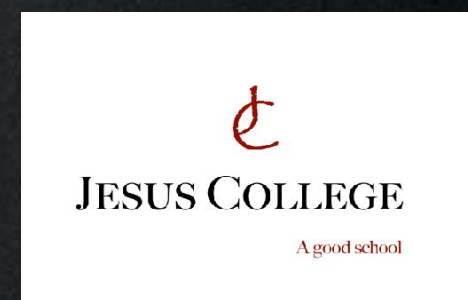
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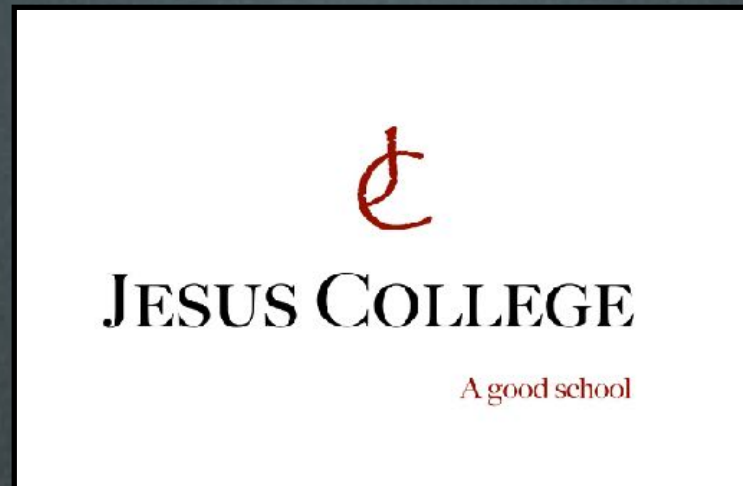
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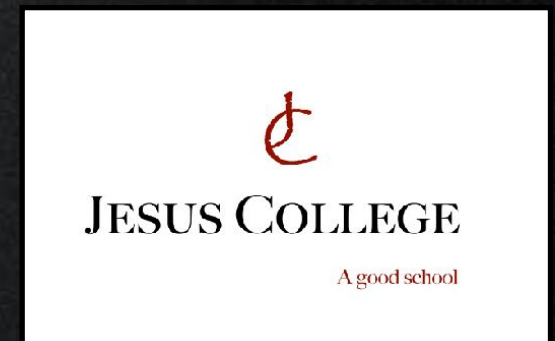


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