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## Romans 8:31-39 (1119)

### Paul asks 7 rhetorical questions

1. “What then shall we say in response to this?” (31)
  - a. Immediate: “God works in all things for the good of those who love him” (28)
  - b. Proximate: “There is no condemnation for those in Christ” (1)
  - c. General: “The righteous will live by faith” (1:17)
  - d. **Revelation 5:9-14 (1219)**
2. “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (31)
  - a. **Psalms 118:1-6 (606)**
3. “He who *did not spare his own son*, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?” (32)
  - a. **Genesis 22:15-18 (20)**
4. “Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?” (33)
  - a. **Zechariah 3:1-5 (940)**
5. “Who is it that condemns?” (34)
  - a. “There is no condemnation...” (8:1-5)
6. “*Who* shall separate us from the love of Christ?” (35)
7. “Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?” (35)
  - a. Paul is speaking from experience! **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:21-29 (1149)**

“As it is written...” (36)

- **Psalms 44:9-12, 23-26 (558)**

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“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us” (38)

- Turning point
- “more than conquerors” ὑπερνικῶμεν “hyper-Nike”
  - Superlative – “All of you is *more than enough* for all of me”
    - “total victory,” “complete domination”
  - Through Jesus: Jesus has conquered and gives us the victory as a gift

Paul is convinced that not even 10 extremes...

1. “Neither death nor life” – **existence**
2. “Angels nor demons” – **spiritual**
3. “Present nor future” – **time**
4. “Powers” – **political**
5. “Height nor depths” – **spatial**
6. “Anything in **all creation**”

“...will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- God’s love for us – not our love for him

“I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

- The One who sends us out is the One who goes with us