

# HOPE & ASSURANCE

Created to be with God





I JN 4:16-17

16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have **boldness** (confidence—ESV) in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.



**ROM 8:24-25**

**For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.**

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Suggesting we are what God gets out of this! What's He get out of this plan/creation? YOU and ME...“heritage” refers to God's possession of His people.

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# ROMANS 8

## verses 1-17

- the advantages and blessings of being in Christ
  - Note verses 1 & 2

## verses 18-39

- he offers encouragements
  - Note, especially, verses 18, 26, 28, 31, & 35

**...“we know all things work together for good” (v28) “to those who love God” and are “called according to His purpose” because of what He did for us (v29-30)**

## ROMANS 8:28-30

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. <sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

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## Justified

Rom 8:30..."whom He called He justified"

Three possible outcomes when accused:

- **Justified** out of proven innocence; never committed the crime
- **Condemned**...found guilty and must suffer the consequences
  - No matter how many good deeds/works you do afterwards you are still guilty!
- **Justified** by virtue of a penalty and/or price being paid

**JUSTIFIED**  
means  
“just-as-if-I’d”  
never sinned

# ROM 3:21-26...GOD IS THE JUSTIFIER

*21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 **being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,** 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*



# THE ENCOURAGEMENTS OF ROMANS 8

# ROMANS 8:31-39

**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 delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;  
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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“For You who can stop God from saving us? **NO ONE** v. 37

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or famine, or

God's love brought about His plan for our salvation...our love must respond...

The only way for His plan to be defeated is if that love fails or is interrupted by one of us



## NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST ...ROMANS 8:35 & 38-39

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# Love for God is more than just saying it or “feeling it”

Jn 14:15 & 23

*“If you love Me, keep (you will keep—ASV) My commandments... 23 ... “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.*

I Jn 2:3-5

*Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.*



**Our love for God and His love for us  
holds us together...**

**it can only be broken when love fails...**

**...and ours is the only one that  
CAN fail**

*Jn 15:10 If you keep My  
commandments, you will  
abide in My love.*