

# Romans

WEEK 15 – SEP 6TH, 2015

## LEARN

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### **Romans 8:28-39 (NIV)**

*28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.*

*31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 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? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written:*

*“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

*37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## MAIN IDEA

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This summer, we’re studying the first eight chapters of Romans in a series led by both of our teaching ministers, Jim Keller and Zach Van Dyke. In week 15, we concluded our series with a message from Jim about the incredible gift of the gospel and what it offers those who believe in Christ: His plan for our lives, His provision for our every need, and His deep and abiding love for us.

## THINK...

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1. Go back and read Romans 1:16, which we talked about back in week one of this series. How does this passage summarize Paul's message to the Romans?
2. What is the gospel? How is it powerful? How is it life-changing?
3. In the sermon, Jim said, "Not everything *is* good, but God puts all things together *for* our good." How have you found this to be true in your life?

## DISCUSS...

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1. *God has a plan for our lives.* Read verses 28-30 above. Knowing that the believers in Rome had been denied rights, persecuted, imprisoned, and worse, how do you think they responded to Paul's words in these verses? How can these words offer us hope during difficult and painful times?
2. *God always provides.* Read Matthew 6:25-34. What do Jesus' instructions not to worry tell us about God's provision? How is Christ's sacrifice on the cross an example of God's provision for us?
3. *God loves us with a deep, abiding, passionate love.* Read verses 38-39 above. How do these words reinforce the truth that the gospel is God's most precious gift to us?

## NEXT STEPS

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Nothing can separate us from God's **plan**, His **provision**, and His **passionate love** for us.

What has God been teaching you over the 15 weeks of this series? How will you respond to His abiding, never-failing love for you? Write or journal about what you've been learning through your study of the first half of Romans, how God has been at work in your life, and ways you need to take action. The first step is obedience to whatever He is calling you toward. Respond in a way that gives Him the glory, and know that you have the gift of His presence... now and forever.

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*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. —Philippians 1:6*