

“No Separation In Christ”
A Study of the Book of Romans
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Key Truth: Although our physical safety and security may be threatened, our standing with God is eternally secure in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As Paul concludes one part of his teaching on the great doctrine of salvation, which is the fruit of God’s righteousness, he does two things: First, he reaffirms the great Truth that began this chapter: **“no condemnation in Christ”** (v. 1), no matter how many might try to condemn us, in Christ, God coats us with “spiritual Teflon” so the “eggs” of Satan’s and the world’s accusations cannot stick. Second, Paul states another great truth: **“no separation in Christ Jesus.”** (v. 39). These glorious truths should strengthen us against sinning and should encourage us, that, even if we do sin, we are still eternally secure in Christ.

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 8:31-39** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled **“No Separation In Christ.”**

DIG IN

1. No Condemnation in Christ (Romans 8:31-34)

What is the answer to Paul’s question in verse 34: “Who is to condemn?” Why?

Based on the previous verses in Romans 8, in what ways is God for us (see v. 31)?

In what ways does God’s work in justifying us (v. 33) guarantee that no one can condemn us?

In what ways does Jesus’ work on the cross and his ongoing work of intercession (v. 34) give us confidence in the declaration that those in Christ are not condemned?

If we sin, does that mean we are once again condemned? Why or why not? What should we do if we do sin (see 1 John 2:1-2)?

2. No Separation in Christ (Romans 8:35-39)

Do the complementary truths of no condemnation and no separation in Christ mean that we will not suffer pain and loss in this world? Why or why not?

On what basis are we “super-conquerors” (v. 37)? What does that mean for us in practical terms?

In what ways should our security in Christ give us confidence to endure great suffering, even death, for his sake?

On what basis can Paul be absolutely confident that nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus” (vv. 38-39)?

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What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?