



ROMANS

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

Sermon Reflection Questions

"Who Shall Separate Us From the Love of Christ?" (Romans 8:31-39)

Respond to this quote by Kent Hughes on Romans 8:28: *The specific good will be seen when we are glorified as we are conformed to the image of Christ. The Christian should not view present distresses and reversals as ultimately destructive. In some manner they are preparing us for the future revelation of God's glory.* How does this give you a better perspective on "the good" Paul mentions in vs. 28?

What makes you doubt that God is REALLY for you? How does verse 32 give you hope in these moments of doubt? Respond to this quote by Horatious Bonar: *What will He not bestow? Who freely gave this mighty gift unbought, Unmerited, unheeded and unsought, What will He not bestow? He spared not His Son! 'Tis this that silences each rising fear, 'Tis this that bids the hard thought disappear. He spared not His Son!*

How do you see the "giving heart of God" in verses 26-36 of chapter 8? How does this give you hope when you think about your own salvation and ongoing struggles with sin?

How does the gospel give Christians confidence in this life? Respond to this quote by Kent Hughes: *Death will not pull me away from God's love. Neither will life and its allurements, nor cosmic spiritual powers—benevolent or malevolent, nor anything in time, nor power, nor the height of Heaven or the depth of Hell, nor anything else—disappointment, neurosis, disease, a broken romance, financial crisis, insanity—nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

When you think about everything Paul has covered in chapter 8, why would you also call it "The great 8"? Be specific.