

*Foundations for Spiritual Growth – Romans 6-8 – Week Fourteen*

# ***Totally Secure in Christ!***

*Romans 8:31-39*

**Introduction:** As Paul completes this major section of Romans he demonstrates that we are secure in the passionate and unconditional love of God. Paul offers two proofs: the first based on the past work of God the Father, the second based on the present work of God the Son. He then he concludes with a ringing statement of existential confidence.

**1. *IN THE PAST – God the Father sacrificed everything for us.***

*Romans 8:31-34a*

- A. Statement #1: God is for us. 8:31
- B. Statement #2: God is generous. 8:32
- C. Statement #3: God has permanently justified us. 8:33

**2. *IN THE PRESENT – Jesus the Son works incessantly for us. Romans 8:34b***

- A. Jesus has an exalted position in heaven. 8:34b (1)
- B. Jesus has a servant role in heaven. 8:34b (2)
- C. Our confidence: If Jesus is constantly working for us, how could he ever reject us? Can't happen!

**3. *IN THE FUTURE – We can know beyond any doubt we're secure in God's loyal love. Romans 8:35-39***

- A. The bookends – Paul is aiming at total certainty about our future.
- B. First category – Future disasters cannot separate us from God's loyal love. 8:35-37
- C. Second category – Future death cannot separate us from God's loyal love. 8:38a
- D. Third category – Future powers cannot separate us from God's loyal love. 8:38b-39