# “Christ’s Presence in Us Counters the Pressure Outside Us”

### Discovering the Righteousness of God—A study in the book of Romans

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# Romans 8:35-39 ESV

**35**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? **36**As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
    we are regarded 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 sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39**nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**1) No Circumstances can separate us from the love Christ has for us (vs 35-36)**

# 2 Corinthians 4:7-11 (ESV)

**7**But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. **8**We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; **9**persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; **10**always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. **11**For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

**2) Ultimate overwhelming victory is ours because He is in us. (vs 37)**

# 1 John 4:4 (ESV)

**4**Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

# 1 Peter 1:3-7 (ESV)

**3**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4**to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5**who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6**In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7**so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**3) No Spiritual battle in heaven or on earth separates us! (vs 38-39)**

# 2 Corinthians 5:6-9 (ESV)

**6**So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, **7**for we walk by faith, not by sight. **8**Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **9**So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

# Colossians 1:11-14 (ESV)

**11**May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, **12**giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. **13**He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, **14**in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

# 2 Corinthians 11:24-28 (ESV)

**24**Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. **25**Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; **26**on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers;**27**in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. **28**And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

Closing Prayer:

Psalm 139:1-12, 17-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!  
**2**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
    you discern my thoughts from afar.  
**3**You search out my path and my lying down  
    and are acquainted with all my ways.  
**4**Even before a word is on my tongue,  
    behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.  
**5**You hem me in, behind and before,  
    and lay your hand upon me.  
**6**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
    it is high; I cannot attain it.

**7**Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
    Or where shall I flee from your presence?  
**8**If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
    If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!  
**9**If I take the wings of the morning  
    and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
**10**even there your hand shall lead me,  
    and your right hand shall hold me.  
**11**If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
    and the light about me be night,”  
**12**even the darkness is not dark to you;  
    the night is bright as the day,  
    for darkness is as light with you.

**17**How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!  
    How vast is the sum of them!  
**18**If I would count them, they are more than the sand.  
    I awake, and I am still with you.