

Freedom in Christ: Love conquers all
Romans 8:12-17,31-39; I John 4:12-16

Statement: “Do I measure my closeness to God by how little I'm sinning, or by my trust that, to the exact extent the Father loves Jesus, Jesus loves me?”

I. Love gives us a home Romans 8:12-17 I John 4:12-16

A. We are adopted into his loving family Romans 8:12-16

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

B. We are to abide in a loving family I John 4:12-16

12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

II. Love is sacrificial Romans 8:31- 34

A. God’s got our backs (31)

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?

B. God demonstrated his love for us (32)

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

C. God advocates for us (33,34)

33 Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? *It is* God who justifies. 34 Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

III. Love conquers all Romans 8:35-39

A. We are more than conquerors (35-37)

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: “*For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*” 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

B. We are more confident in his love (38-39)

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Conclusion

- I. Love gives us a home.**
- II. Love is sacrificial.**
- III. Love conquers all.**