



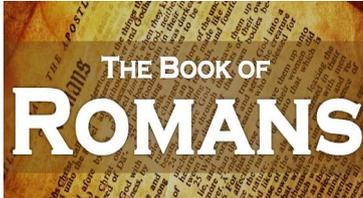
St Margaret's Church

Together we aim to: Worship God, Proclaim Jesus, Grow in the Spirit and Serve the World

In Contact

26th June 2022

Romans 8: 28-39 More than Conquerors



The love of God, Paul explains in Romans 8, starts with 'no condemnation' in v1 and ends in 'no separation'. Verses 28/39 are indeed the crescendo of the whole of Romans.

Life is not the random mess it might appear. "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God who have been called according to His purpose" (v28). This promise applies to all Christians. In every detail of our Christian lives, God is at work. He has a plan and purpose for our lives and is Sovereign. In everything He works for the good of those who love Him. When the going gets tough it's hard to believe this is true. What's going on now is only a snapshot, not the whole picture of our lives. We don't know what the final picture will be. But we do know that God is always with us and exercises His sovereignty in love.

He can turn the worst things that can happen in our lives and use them for good. We have to trust that He knows what is best for us, hard as that might be. It's easy to trust God when things are going well, much harder when the going gets tough. The challenge is to keep trusting even in the midst of troubles. God will use our troubles and hard times for good. He will shape our character through them and we will learn new things about Him. The hard times have the potential for us to mature as Christians, to grow in holiness and become more like Jesus.

From the beginning of time God knew all about you, He chose you and called you and His purpose always was for you to be like Jesus and He'll stay with you to the end until you're glorified. Why? Because He loves you unconditionally. You are special to God, precious, He knows you by name, you belong to Him, you are part of His family.

How can you be sure of God's love?

- 1. With God on your side like this, how can you lose?** v31b.
- 2. If God gave His Son for you, is He likely to withhold anything else?** v32.
- 3. Who is going to dare to prosecute you?** *'Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?'* v33a.
- 4. If God is the judge and Jesus your defence counsel, how can a prosecution succeed?** *It is God who justifies. Who then can condemn?* v33b-34.
- 5. How can anyone drive a wedge between you and Christ's love?** *"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us"* v37

Paul concludes that he is totally convinced that nothing *'will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus'*. Are you? Isaac Watts wrote, *'Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all'*.

The wonder of all this is almost too much to take in! God is good, all the time and His love endures for ever.



Bible Verse for 2022:

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2.8

This Week Sunday 26th June:

Pearl Hardy will be preaching from Romans 8: 28-39: **'More than Conquerors.'**

Next Week Sunday 3rd July:

Matt will be preaching on Romans chapters 9 & 10: **'God's choosing of Israel.'**

Family Special 3.00-5.30pm: 1 Kings 3. 5-15: The Fun of Discovery

Looking Ahead:

On 24th July we will be having a visit from Andrew Peart, our CMS link missionary in Bolivia. We thought that this would be a great opportunity to have a parish lunch, more details to follow.

From the 31st July we will start our Summer Services. This year we will be following the theme of **Mad Science**.

Alpha Course September 2022 on Monday nights:

Matt wants to get together a team of people to host an Alpha course.

Please let Matt know if you can help in the kitchen (cooking and serving) or with facilitating a break out group.

June 26th to July 2nd Please Pray for:

- ◆ People living in east side of Kingsway (Barcicroft Road to Mauldeth Road).
- ◆ God to be at work through Creative Prayer on Tuesday.
- ◆ People to be available on 19th July when Epiphany come to do "Sound Portraits" at that month's Creative Prayer.
- ◆ Duke as he is ordained priest in Manchester Cathedral on Saturday.
- ◆ Matt supervising Heather from the food bank on Wednesday.
- ◆ Effective evangelism at "Festival Manchester" in Wythenshawe Park 1-3 July.
- ◆ Good preparation for our Family Special next Sunday (3rd).
- ◆ Christians in Somalia to stay strong in the faith despite enormous opposition.
- ◆ Peart's visit to UK this summer to be informative and encouraging.
- ◆ Boaz's long-term clients making fresh claims and moving on with their lives.
- ◆ Open Doors secret workers to receive God's wisdom and protection as they sustain North Korean believers through safe houses and underground networks in China.

If you are visiting St Margaret's for the first time we hope you will enjoy worshipping with us today.

For more information please visit our website: www.stmargaretsburnage.org.uk

Come and join us for tea or coffee after the service.



Veg or Sunflower Oil UHT Fruit Juice/Milk/ Sugar

Tinned fruit/ham/custard/ tomatoes/corned beef