

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: September 8, 2021**  
**Romans 8:31-39**

1. What things are Paul talking about in verse 31?
  - a. The suffering that exists in creation as it longs for God's restoration.
  - b. The suffering of the righteous as we choose to follow God.
  - c. The same things that God will somehow work for good, though they may not themselves be good.
  
2. What does the response in verse 31 mean?
  - a. God will take away all this pain in our lives.
  - b. God is greater than this pain that we will experience in our lives.
  - c. We will have no significant opposition.
  - d. Colossians 1:24-29
  - e. God will pull out all the stops to make a way for us to stay faithful if we are willing.
  - f. 1 John 4:4
  
3. Verse 32 is a complicated passage that seems to present a paradox. What is Paul telling us about God?
  - a. He loved us so much that he did not hold nothing back but sacrificed whatever it took to bring us salvation.
  - b. If God loves us that much, it seems like there is nothing he would not give us or do for us?
  - c. He also loved his Son, but was willing to let Him suffer to accomplish the best for us all.
  
4. Paul then gives us hope and encouragement in verse 33-36. Who is he talking about, who can't be separated from the love of Christ? What people is Paul talking about in this text?
  - a. Those "whom God has chosen"
  - b. People who are living by the Spirit.
  - c. People say they believe in God but are unfaithful to Him.
  - d. People who are suffering for Christ and doing good.
  - e. People who suffer as a result of their own bad decision (1 Peter 2:20-21).
  - f. People who God is "for."
  - g. People who "Love God and are called according to His purpose."
  
5. Who would send things against us to cause us to suffer, accuse us (bring a charge against us) or try to separate us from God? \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. What does this text say about these people?
  - a. Nobody can bring a charge against us before God because he is the one who justifies us.
  - b. The one who is our judge is making intercession for us.
  - c. Nobody and nothing can separate us from the love of God.
  - d. We are "more than conquerors through him who loved us."
  
7. What does this tell us about our own life?
  - a. God has provided a way for us to endure every attack in Christ Jesus.
  - b. Even when we blatantly rebel against God, it doesn't separate us from him.
  - c. We do not have to feel weak when we are tempted, we are more than conquerors and can endure (stay faithful).
  - d. Nothing, my suffering is for my own unfaithfulness and I am not living by the Spirit.
  - e. The one who would try to separate me from God is not as powerful as the one who is living in me. The only way we can be separated is by my choice.