

## INTRODUCTION

1. Rm8:31-39 See handout re: importance of Rm 8:31-39 to me personally.
2. Rm 8:31-34 Father's acts for our legal standing. Isa 54:17

**1st: God's Love for Us in Christ - v34b**

1. 5 questions - no one can overturn God's verdict for us in our justification
2. v35a = 6<sup>th</sup> question - answered by v35-39 - nothing can separate us from *the love of X*. But what is *the love of Christ*?
3. v34b defines Christ's love *for us* [3<sup>rd</sup> *for us* since v31]: 4 acts of Christ.
  - i. *He who died* - the cross: atonement & propitiation
  - ii. *yes rather who was raised*: our justifi [Rm4:25]; life of age to come
  - iii. *who is at the right hand of God* - enthroned
  - iv. *who also intercedes for us* - Melchizedek King/Priest

**2nd: God's Love for us in a Death-Cursed World - v35-39**

1. *Christ Jesus is He* [v34] who loves us. Structure of v35-39: chiasmic inclusion. *Love* is the beginning, middle & end: v35, v37, v39
2. We experience God's love in a fallen world: *suffering* then *glory* - v16-17
3. Creation convulsing - birth pangs: v18-25.
4. Bewilderment: *we do not know...* v26-27; but *we do know...* v28-30.

**3rd: God's Love for us in a World that Hates Christ - v35-39**

1. Jn 15:17-19 Church is community of God's love
2. Rm1:29-32 moral chaos - common grace & common curse: *suppress* [v18] & *exchange* [v25]: idolatry - wrath. *Hate God* [v30] - why? *The lie* [v25], deceived [1T4:1-5] - enmity of Gn 3:15 - Rm 16:20
3. Where can we be safe? Jn 15:9-10; Jude 1:20-21; 2 Thes 3:3-5
4. We are legally loved: as righteous before the Father as Jesus is righteous before the Father; loved by the Father as Jesus is loved by the Father.
5. Jesus prays for us - [Rm 8:34] - Jn 17:20-26.