

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans
Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ?

Romans 8:31b – 35, 37 - 39

If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own Son but
handed him over for us all, how will he
not also give us everything else along
with him? Who will bring a charge
against God's chosen ones? It is God
who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is
Jesus Christ who died, rather, was raised,
who also is at the right hand of God, who
indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of
Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the
sword? No, in all these things we conquer
overwhelmingly through him who loved
us.

For I am convinced that neither
death, nor life, nor angels, nor
principalities, nor present
things, nor future things, nor powers, nor
height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to
separate us from the
love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.