

FOUNDATIONS | Romans 8:31-39 *Convinced* | 01.23.11

Every church and every person needs to have foundational beliefs that guide and direct life, decisions, direction, and processes. During 'Foundations' The Church at Martinsburg will examine the book of Romans and establish core doctrinal beliefs for life, relationships, and mission. This series more than any we've done before will set the pace and direction for the church. You don't want to miss this as we wade into one of the Bible's deepest and richest books!

Growth Questions for 1/23/11 – 1/31/11

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, troubling?
2. What are "these things" (8:31) that Paul is referring to? Do they show God is "for us"? How?
3. What kind of "charge" is Paul talking about? Can anyone charge or condemn a believer? Why or why not? (8:33-34)
4. What does it mean practically to be "more than a conqueror through Christ who loved us"? What are the things over which we are more than conquerors?
5. In what ways might these verses help the one that struggles with whether or not he may lose his salvation?
6. How do verses 35-39 address the belief that the bad things that happen to us are God's punishment? How do you receive the tough stuff in your life? What's the biblical view?

Living on Mission

Proclaim...Reach...Connect...Go

1. How has God been "for you" recently? Take some time to pray and thank Him.
2. What are some of your greatest fears? Are they represented in the list of things that cannot separate you from His love? View your fears in the light of the truths of this passage. How is your perspective changed? How will you respond differently?
3. How does being in Christ's love affect your day-to-day life? If you could be separated from Christ's love (and you can't if you belong to Him), how different would your life be? How could this be a testimony to those who are far from God?

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Important Dates

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| ○ 2/14/11 | Valentine's Day on C@M |
| ○ 2/19/11 | Group Leader Development @ NEC |
| ○ 2/26/11 | Financial Planning Workshop |

COMMUNITY GROUPS – *Community Groups* are groups of people who come together on a weekly basis to promote significant Christian relationships that are centered around the study of God's Word (Hebrews 10:24-25 and Romans 8:29). Groups begin on TODAY. Groups are available Sunday through Friday. **Sign up outside of the theater** – more information at www.martinsburgchurch.org.

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...to proclaim the Gospel and reach those far from God.