

Bible Study Questions

Above All, Love: The 'How' of Christian Love: God's Love for Us: "God's Love for Us Is Eternal"

Focus

No matter the opposition, trials, and persecutions we may face, nothing (nothing!) can separate us from God's love for us in Christ, which has secured the whole of our salvation from beginning to end.

Read

[Romans 8:28-39](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on the sermon series, "*Above All, Love*", which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage – for example:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in this book of the Bible; the New Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the people and/or situations that this passage is addressing?
 - What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

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Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. What are the things that most cause you to doubt God's love for you in Christ?
2. What do verses 29-30 teach you about your salvation and God's sovereignty?
3. The doctrine of predestination is not only difficult for people to comprehend but is sometimes troubling to some people. Yet here it is meant to be an encouragement to us. How so? And how might it encourage you specifically?
4. Taking up Paul's challenge in verse 31, what objections, doubts, or fears might you or others you know 'say to these things'?
5. Consider how each of the following five questions in verses 31-39 answer some of the objections, doubts, and fears that people have.
6. What difference does it make that God is 'for us'?
7. Paul continually points us back to Christ's finished work on the cross as a way of proving that God is for us and that He loves us. How might you do that in your own life in order to build your assurance of these things?
8. How does knowing that nothing can separate you from God's love for you in Christ give you...
 - confidence?
 - courage?
 - contentment?
 - security to love others?
 - motivation to tell others about His love?
 - joy?

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9. If you were sharing the gospel with someone who didn't believe it and yet this person continued to claim that they believed 'God loves me', what might you say in response in order to continue to engage them with the truth of the gospel?
10. The passage begins and ends with a statement of assurance ('we know' and 'I am sure'). What about you? Are you persuaded by these things?

Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?
2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?
3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?