

**In the Grip of Grace :: resting securely in God's grace****Romans 8:31-39****Freedom, 9****Dr. Ted Wueste****Paul poses a leading question ...** verse 31*"If God is for us, who can be against us?"**His question acknowledges two truths:*

1. The Father is committed to us.
2. We can often feel overwhelmed and question God's commitment.

**Father's "proof" that He is absolutely committed to us ...** verses 32-37**1. He provides everything we need for life ...****because His grace is limitless.***"How will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"***2. He protects us from accusation and condemnation ...****because His forgiveness is unconditional.***"Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?"***3. His presence in our lives never fades ...****because His love is unstoppable.***"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"***A confidence in God's commitment leads us to a place of surrender.** v. 38-39*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life ... will be able to separate us from the love of God!"***Application:**

What do you need to allow to die? In what ways are you fearful?

What about God's love do you need to trust in order to let go?

**Quotes:***"God for us is the center of the gospel itself. We must never forget that truth, no matter how bad things may get. God for us is the distilled essence of the good news. That realization will give us courage to continue day by day." George R. Knight***Got questions? Post your questions here:** [romansquestions.wordpress.com](http://romansquestions.wordpress.com)

“God could have given up on the love affair with mankind. He could have resorted to power and demanded our loyalty, or give us a kind of spiritual lobotomy that would take away our choice to love him. Even now, he could easily obliterate our enemy and demand the allegiance of our hearts, but love affair that began in the laughter of the Trinity would be over, at least for us. And Satan’s accusation that the kingdom of God is established only through raw power would be vindicated.

“Once we understand God’s desire to possess our hearts through love rather than power, we can fathom even more deeply the depths of God’s anguish as he pleads with Israel through the prophets to give up their adultery and return to his love.”

Eldredge and Curtis, *Sacred Romance*