"Can Anything or Anyone Cause Us to Lose Our Salvation?" (Part 2) Romans 8:31-39 (Romans 8:28; 31; 37 & 39)

- What is "eternal security"?
  - It is the belief that a Christian cannot lose their salvation. If they are truly in Christ they will persevere to the end.
- The Foundational realities:
  - "We are more than conquerors" must be the continual mindset of the christian because....
    - There is no biblical evidence that things will get easier/better in this life (2 Timothy 2:3; 3:12; 4:5).
    - Our conquering is based on the work of Christ, not based on our work. We are frail and weak; He is strong (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). It is not our love for Him but His love for us that is the basis of our persevering (1 John 4:19).
    - Our conquering and His love is past tense. It is a guaranteed reality based on what has already been done, not based on what we do (Romans 5:8-10; Ephesians 5:25-27).
    - "For I am sure": the goal of preaching, teaching, and the reading of God's Word is that we would be persuaded of the truth. Is this your expectation when you gather?
    - Affliction shows us the truth and the power of God's Word (Psalm 119:71-72).
    - We will not fail or stop believing under the pressures of life because of the work of Christ. "For your sake" tells us that based on His honour, glory, and power, our salvation is guaranteed (Philippians 1:6; 1 Corinthians 1:8-9; Jude 1:24-25).
- The Practical Realities:
  - Tribulation: Refers to the outward difficulties and emotional stress.
  - Distress: The continual temptations from this world, our flesh, and the Devil.
  - Persecution: Any kind of suffering that results directly from living for Christ.
  - Famine: Inadequate food or resources to meet our basic needs.
  - Nakedness: The position of being/feeling vulnerable and unprotected.
  - Peril/Danger: Exposed to any kind of general danger.
  - Sword: Being murdered for the gospel of Jesus Christ.
  - Angels, Rulers, or Powers: Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 2:14-15.
  - Things present or things to come: John 16:33; Revelation 1:8.
  - Heights, Depths, or anything created: Ephesians 1:20-21.

## Announcements:

**\*Evangelism Class:** There is a sign-up list on the back table for those who are interested in participating in the Evangelism Class. This class will be held on the last 2 Saturday evenings of the month, January 23rd and 30th. There is a 10 person cap on this class. If you miss the opportunity to join us in January, there will be another class offered in February. We will have as many classes as necessary to accommodate everyone who is interested in going through the Evangelism Class. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jeremey.

**\*Church Members Meeting:** We will be having a short members meeting TONIGHT immediately following the service! If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this short meeting. We will be voting on the budget and talking briefly about our plans as a church for 2021!