



Assurance of Salvation
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Romans 5:6-11 & 8:31-39

“Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us”
(Romans 8:34).

God proved His love for us by sending Jesus Christ to die for our sins. God did not wait until we felt sorry for all the ungodly and sinful things we have said and done. God did not wait for us to recognize that we were powerless to change ourselves without His help. God did not wait for us to long to be made right with Him, with others where possible, and within ourselves. No. Because God loves us, God acted first. At the right time, God sent Jesus to save us from ourselves and from the eternal punishment we deserve because of our behavior. By God’s grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, God made us right with Him. Through our continuing relationship with Jesus Christ, we stay right with Him, and we begin to make the changes in

our lives that God knows is best for us and others. We still face temptations and sin sometimes; we sometimes suffer unexpectedly, but God loves us and remains faithful to us. We know this because Jesus died to save us. More than this, Christ rose from the dead and assures us of eternal life. More than this, because Jesus now sits at the right hand of God, all the power God can rightly and wisely use each day in our behalf God will use. Finally, as though this were not enough, Jesus Christ prays for us each day knowing our trials and temptations in advance. Because Jesus lives for us, nothing will separate us from God's love.

Thinking Further

1. What were we like when Christ died for us?
 2. How much of your relationship with God depends on Jesus Christ and His life, death, and resurrection? Give a reason with your answer.

3. What does it mean to you to be justified and glorified?

4. What reason did Paul give for us to believe “that God would graciously give us all things” (Romans 8:32)?

5. Why can no one succeed with God if they bring a charge against us or condemn us as a Christian? Give a reason for your answer.

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