

# Romans 8 (Part 2)

## No Separation!

**Scripture:** Romans 8:31-39

**Memory Verse:** Romans 8:39b “[Nothing] shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Lesson Focus:** As we continue and finish this marvelous chapter of the Bible, we will unpack the powerful truth of “No Separation”. Our prayer is that kids will be “recharged” by these wonderful verses and leave eager to live loud and bold for Jesus. Note that this is your last weekend with this group of kids as they will be promoted to the next grade the following weekend!

**Activities and Crafts:** Memory Verse Coloring Picture, Word Search of different terms from lesson, New Bring it Home Sheet for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Craft for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hugs From Jesus Craft

**Starter Activity:** In Need of a Recharge

The kids should be familiar with many everyday objects that need to be constantly recharged in order for them to work. Consider getting this lesson started by having some discussion about such things and have them explain why they need to be “recharged”. \* See list of items below (feel free to use others!) and ask the kids how you “recharge” each item. **Teachers:** Consider bringing in these items yourself (or pictures of them) and show the kids each one as you discuss.

- 1) Smartphone (Needs charger to a power source) \*
- 2) Car (Gas station) \*
- 3) Water Gun (Water source) \*
- 4) Flashlight (Batteries) \*
- 5) Your pet (Food, water, and sleep) \*

All of these things need to be given their particular energy source for them to go!

Q: But what about you? What do you need to be recharged? A: You need food, water, and rest for sure, just like your pets. But humans need something even more. They need to know they are loved and that they matter! They need affection! They need HUGS! \*

Last week we looked at the first part of a magnificent passage of the Bible, Romans 8. Today we are going to look at the last part of it. And what you are going to find is that this is a passage that “recharges” the Christian. This passage is filled with GIANT HUGS from God to the believer that He loves. Let’s take a look!

## Bible Study:

**Romans 8:31a:** This passage begins with a question that refers back to what we have learned before. What “things” have we learned about? While every Romans lesson has reminded us of the marvelous power of the gospel (**Romans 1:16**), last week we were encouraged that there is NO CONDEMNATION for the believer in Jesus Christ. Why? Because believers are adopted into God’s family as His princes and princesses!

**Romans 8:31b:** Therefore, God is FOR His sons and daughters! \* Stop and consider what that means for a minute. \*

Q: Who is this God that is for believers? A: This is the God who made the whole universe! This is the God who split the Red Sea to rescue His people from Egypt. This is the God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead. This is the Almighty King of the universe, the only living God, and He is on the believer’s side! Wow!

Here is God’s first BIG HUG in this passage. If this truth doesn’t “recharge” you \*, I don’t know what will! **Teachers:** Consider giving one kid in your class a BIG HUG here on God’s behalf and notice several more sprinkled throughout the lesson.

**Romans 8:32a:** \* In movies you might hear someone pleading, “*Spare Me, Spare Me!*”

Q: What do they mean? A: They are probably begging for mercy or even their life. \* Notice in this verse it says that God the Father did NOT spare His own Son. This is talking about Jesus’s death on the cross for our sins!

Remember **Romans 5:8**? God’s love is SO GREAT that He delivered up His Son for us. And Jesus willingly went to the cross to take the punishment due us for our sins.

God had a choice! He could have spared His Son \* and justly punished all of us rebels in hell forever. Instead, God loved me and you enough to make a way for US to be spared!! Here is another BIG HUG from God! \*

**Romans 8:32b:** Notice the logic! If God proved His love in such a “ginormous” way, why wouldn’t we trust Him with the smaller things in life? Remember that believers are God’s kids. A good parent takes care of his kids. God does the same! \*

Now this doesn’t mean that God will give you whatever you want (just like a good parent doesn’t either!). But it does mean that God knows and wants what is absolutely best for you! Read **Romans 8:28**. Here is another BIG HUG from God!

**Romans 8:33:** This reminds us of what we learned last week for all believers: NO CONDEMNATION! People, and even the devil accuse Christians justly or unjustly. But it is God who has already justified the believer! \*

And while the Christian may have indeed sinned, that cannot change the Christian’s status as a forgiven and loved child of God! \* Here is another BIG HUG from God!

**Romans 8:34:** Jesus died for our sins yes, but He also rose from the dead! He is now with the Father actively helping and supporting all believers.

Q: If you could have a DC or Marvel superhero at your side helping and supporting you, which one would it be and why?

Stop and consider what this verse says. The risen Son of God is actively helping and supporting you in your Christian walk. And He is BETTER than any superhero! \* Jesus is your spiritual “big brother” looking out for you! Here is another BIG HUG from God!

**Romans 8:35:** The grand finale of this marvelous passage begins with another question.

Q: What does it mean to be separated from something? A: Taken away or split up. I’m sure all of you can think of times when you have been separated from someone you love.

Q: But do you think anything can separate us from the love of Jesus Christ? **Teachers:** Consider reading thru the second half of the verse again and having the kids shout NO as you read each item.

**Romans 8:36-37:** Paul didn’t just talk this talk, but walked this walk. For he, and many Christians throughout history, have experienced many of these hardships. \* And while they may have had everything else taken away from them, they knew that the love of God could NEVER be taken away from them! Here is another BIG HUG from God!

**Romans 8:38-39a:** Paul continues with a list of things that people may be afraid of. It almost seems like he is trying to write out a complete list so that nothing is left out!

Q: What is something that you are afraid of? Can it separate you from the love of God? Absolutely not! \* But do you really, really believe this? Let’s be honest...many of us struggle with this. That is why we read the Bible, pray, attend church! So that we can be reminded of what is true. \* So that we can be “recharged”! \*

**Romans 8:39b:** Notice God’s love is “*in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” Let’s be clear that all these marvelous truths, promises, and BIG HUGS apply ONLY to the believer in Jesus. \*

**Key Point:** If you are not a believer and follower of Jesus Christ, God’s love for you was shown on the cross. But you must believe and receive that love for these HUGS to be yours! Talk to your leader or your parents after class today and become a child of God!

If you are believer, I hope you were “recharged” today. Romans 8 has been a secret “charging station” for believers for 2000 years. Know that there is NO CONDEMNATION and NO SEPARATION from the love of God towards you. Go into your week “recharged” and ready to GO and be a disciple of Jesus! \*

**Small Group Time Afterwards:** This is the last time you will be with this group of kids with them graduating the following weekend, please spend some intentional extra time with them in a small group setting and encourage them as they move onto their next class! Spoil them, HUG them, and tell them something you appreciate about them! :D

# BRING IT HOME

Read Romans 8:38-39  
What are you afraid of?  
Can this separate you  
from the love of God?



Read Romans 8:32,  
How does this remind  
you of God's love?

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Challenge:  
How were you  
"recharged" by this  
passage?

