

# SECURED IN CHRIST

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*<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

*<sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,  
<sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8: 37-39*

There are times when my limited mind finds it difficult to comprehend how 'God is for me', when I have failed Him and set Him aside many times over. But despite having allowed difficult situations to get the better of me, He continued to pursue me. If anything, I have learned that nothing and no one has the ability to destroy my faith in Jesus for as long as I keep close to Him. Often, we are harder on ourselves than God is to us.

I can only speak as one who has been amazed and surprised at the many things the Lord has allowed me to experience. The height and depth of His love surpass all understanding. My curiosity of things is often easily

satisfied upon knowing this. But as the Lord reveals the mystery of His gospel to me, the more I am drawn to Him in awe and admiration, wanting to know more, quenching a need that can never seem to be satisfied.

No circumstances that we go through can separate us from the love of God. We are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus. Through the years I have learned the best way to conquer enemies is with unconditional love. The best way to conquer trials and suffering is through the power of God. The best way to conquer fear and disappointment is to look forward to the glory of God.

Our experiences, both good and bad, are given to us to shape and mold us to be more like Jesus. Most of it, in light of how it will all work for our good, we will only fully understand in the end. It may not seem so at the moment of our affliction, but how we come out of it, what becomes of us, how we are molded, how it changes our perspective on things, that is when we will be able to understand why it was all necessary. Being secured

in Christ turns every circumstance into victory.

There is plenty in me that still needs sanctification. But I feel God's overwhelming love in every victory I experience rather than self-satisfaction.

*"Dear Heavenly Father, it is so wonderful to be reminded through Your Word that though we fall short, we have been redeemed, sealed, and given a one-way ticket to eternal life with You. Nothing can separate us from Your love. Such a comforting promise to hold on to in this unsure world. We are not able to perfectly do all things according to Your Word, but thank You for You are a gracious and faithful God, abounding in steadfast love. We pray that You will keep us close to You, that Your Holy Spirit who dwells in us will always take the lead in our lives. Thank You, Father God, for being our God. Thank You for Your ever presence in our lives, allowing us not to live in fear. Being under Your care is the safest place we can ever be! Amen." ❀*