

**Q: What does this mean for us?**

**A: It means that nothing can separate us from the love of God!**

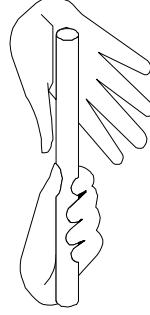
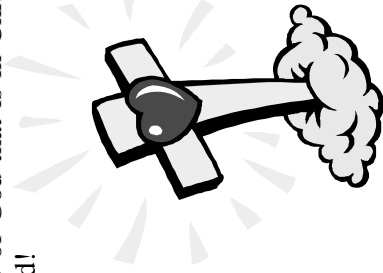
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? 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.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!



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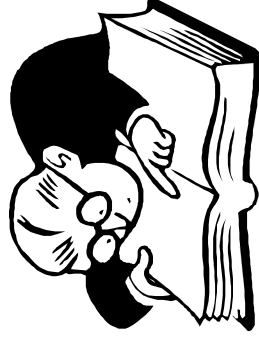
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# FAITH 101

STRENGTHENING YOUR GRASP  
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## What is Jesus doing now?



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# Jesus Christ is our Friend in Heaven

**Q: Where did Jesus come from?**

**A: Jesus came from heaven**

John 1:1, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Q: Where is Jesus now?**

**A: Jesus has returned to heaven**

John 3:13

And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, even the Son of Man.

Acts 1:3, 6-11

After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

**Q: What is Jesus doing now?**

**A: He is interceding for us sinners**

**1. Jesus is the only way to God**

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**2. Jesus is the only mediator between man and God**

1 Tim. 2:5

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

**3. Jesus intercedes for sinners**

Hebrews 7:25

He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

**4. Jesus is our defense attorney**

1 John 2:1

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**Q: Why do we need a "defense attorney" in heaven?**

**A: Because we are guilty!**

**1. All of us have sinned**

Romans 3:23

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

1 John 1:8-10

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

**2. Our sins separate us from God**

Isaiah 59:1-2

Listen now! The Lord isn't too weak to save you. And he isn't getting deaf! He can hear you when you call! But the trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God. Because of sin he has turned his face away from you and will not listen anymore.

**3. Jesus, our mediator, brings us back to God**

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need!