**Sermon Text: Rom. 8:28-39**

**Sermon Topic: Security of Life**

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Grace Mercy and Peace be to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

 Amen!

**Life Insurance!** I was advised to buy one. You were advised to buy one too. We all have heard the commercial. When the unexpected happens, XYZ Insurance will be there for you, when you purchase our Insurance, you will be in good hands. When you get into an accident or die, we will be on your family side. There are lots of Insurance companies out there trying to sell us “security” for our life.

Did you know what “Term Life Insurance” covers, and what it does not cover? According to” The Economic Times” magazine, there are eight major death cases not included in term life insurance. “

 If the policyholder is a criminal

 Death happens under the influence of alcohol

 Not disclosing the habit of smoking

 Death by participating in hazardous activities

 Death due to pre-existing health conditions

 Death due to childbirth

 Suicidal death, and

 Death due to natural disaster “

 https://Economictimes.indiatimes.com

I do not understand how the Insurance Industry works, except I pay the premium they ask. Having confessed that it seems; if you want your loved ones to get paid when you die, you might have to choose how you die. Or at least you have to pray that you might miss the eight death cases. We have this much security from human institutions for this life. How about security for eternal life? There is no Insurance company that I heard of selling term life Insurance for eternity. The Epistle reading for today, Romans chapter eight, Verses 28-39, tells us who gives us the security of eternal life.

1. **God gives us the security of eternal life. (Rom.8:28-30; 5:3-4)**

The Apostle Paul writes, **In Christ, God makes all things work toward the good of us/ believers.** Last week we read that the Holy Spirit helps us endure suffering and wait for our hope of eternal life. This text builds on the Holy Spirit ministering to us. We live in a fallen world. All things that happen in our life are not “good.”.All things that were intended to harm us are turned to good account by the sovereign God working on our behalf.

**When we live on earth, good and bad things happen to us.** When bad things happen and harm our life, we fear to lose our faith and eternal life. We wonder if we have security coverage not to lose our faith. We wonder if our eternal life insurance covers the following. It could be sicknesses like COVID 19, persecution by terrorists, the devil’s attack, famine, injustice, and death. In the last four months, almost 150,000 died of COVID 19 in America, and 636,575 people have died worldwide so far from the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak.

The Apostle Paul proclaims good news for us. **God works through all those things towards the good of us.** While we are sinners, God calls us, justifies us, and glorifies us in Christ. Although we live this life through suffering, we eventually share God’s glory in Christ (2 Cor. 3:18). God sent His son in our likeness that we might finally be like him. God promises that nothing will touch our lives without the control and direction of our loving heavenly Father (Rom.8:28). God sovereignly uses every experience we will ever have for our good. He uses everything we do and say. He also uses everything people do to us or say about us. We will not always understand how the things we experience work towards our good. We certainly will not always enjoy them. But we do know that nothing comes into our lives that God does not allow, and God could use everything that happens to us for his purposes. God begins working with his foreknowing us and then leads to his predestining, calling, justifying, and finally glorifying us.

1. **God’s security makes us champions (8:31-39).**

**God’s security is revealed in the love and sacrifice of Christ (Rom. 8:31-34).** God keeps believers in his power from what separates saints from the love of God in Christ. Yes, we face foes and hardships. However, because God is with us, no one can be against us (8:31). No one can press charges against us before God (8:33). The devil tries hard to charge us (Rev.12:10) but he can’t succeed. God is the only one who is Holy and qualifies to charge us. However, God never files charges against us. Instead, he chose to love us. The story of the woman caught committing adultery, in John chapter eight, is our story. Jesus did not charge her but call her to repentance. What he has done in Christ and by the Holy Spirit constitutes all the proof we need that the glorification will be ours. To glorify us, God’s activity has costed him dearly. His only Son, Jesus Christ, endured the cross. That was the most expensive premium ever paid-The the premium of our eternal life Insurance!

**The love of God in Christ makes us champions (8:36-39).** We are more than conquerors. Our victory lasts forever. Our names might be forgotten in the pages of history. However, our names will never be forgotten in the pages of God’s book of life. That is because We are more than conquerors by faith through God’s grace. (1 JOHN 5:4,5). Nothing can stand against us! Nothing can separate us from God’s love.

**We win the supreme victory over the conquerors!** Death cannot separate us from God’s love (2 Cor.5:8)- Jesus Christ won death for us. Death has no more final say. Life with all of its temptations, dangers, and trials can’t separate us from Christ’s love. No angel will ever seek to come between Chris’s and us. Time is powerless to separate us from the love of Christ. Present time with its temptations and the future sufferings with uncertainties can’t separate us. Evil spiritual Powers are not permitted to separate us from God’s love (Eph. 1:21). They are only allowed to carry on spiritual warfare against us (Eph. 6:12). Space can’t come between us and the love of Christ (8:39). Nothing in all creation could interfere between the love of Christ and us.

Brothers and sisters, If God is for us, then what does it matter who is against us? It does not matter! In Christ Jesus, who loved us, **we are champions, standing against social, economic, political, and spiritual forces of evil.**  We are more than the winners in human history. We have won death! We have won the sickness! We have won suffering! We have won persecution! We have won the devil! God has given us 100% security of eternal life, with all cases covered by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ! Brothers and Sisters in Christ, **you are champions and secured forever! Go to the mission field and serve the Lord!**

Amen!