

Weekly Discussion Guide – 10-18-2026

Changed by Grace, Part 3: “Inseparable Love”

Sermon Text: Romans 8:31-39

Weekly Reading: Romans 6-8 | Next Week: chapters 9-11

1. This week we are focusing on the theme of God’s love as we look through chapters 6-8. Begin by reflecting on your own experience. Have you experienced God’s love for you? How so? Is there a specific event or events when it was very real to you?
2. **Read Romans 6:1-7.** According to this passage, what does it mean to be “baptized into Christ’s death”? Is our hope only in being raised physically after we die? If not, what more do we have in Christ?
3. Scholars debate whether to understand Romans 7:14-25 as
 - 1) the saint/sinner conflict within the everyday Christian or
 - 2) Paul describing in first-person what life *used* to be like.**Read Romans 7:14-25.** Can you relate to feeling this way?
4. Now **read Romans 6:17-18.** How do these verses help you reflect on chapter 7?
5. Romans 8 is a gloriously different picture than Romans 7. How do **verses 8:1-17** redefine your identity as a once-sinner?
6. **Read Romans 8:31–39.** Paul asks, “If God is for us, who can be against us?” and says we are “more than conquerors.” What do you think he means? Does this mean Christians won’t face opposition or hardship? Why or why not?
7. We began with our experience of God’s love. Have you ever felt *separated* from the love of God? How does Romans 8:31-39 give you hope and confidence in your life of faith?
8. God’s love in Romans 8 is revealed through God’s action in Jesus Christ. Grace both forgives us and transforms us. How can we rest in God’s love without becoming complacent about sin? How can we pursue holiness without living in fear that God will stop loving us or that we’ll never be or do enough?