



You are more than safe in God's love.

I. God is for you! (31-32)

Who can stand against us? No one!

This doesn't mean we will have no opposition. But none can stand.

The proof of His love and its extent. (32)

He didn't spare the One He loves most, His Son.

II. You are safe in His love. (33-34) Judicial security.

A. No one can make a charge against you (33)

1. Who would level a charge against us?
2. God alone is judge.

God has already justified us. (5:1)

B. No one can condemn you. (34)

III. You cannot be separated from His unshakable love. (35-39)

A. Challenged, but not shaken. (35-37)

B. Not just safe, but overwhelming victory. (37)

C. Certainty of security. (38-39)

How does this apply to me?

INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

MARY'S SONG: THE MAGNIFICAT

PASSAGE OVERVIEW

Mary, a young but devout virgin teenager, had just been told by Gabriel that she was to be with child. This child would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary not only believed Gabriel, but she willingly submitted herself as a servant of the Lord to His will, regardless of the consequences.

Mary was betrothed, or engaged, to a young man in the town who was equally serious about his faith. Their worlds would soon turn upside down as the pregnancy became evident to all. At such times it is valuable to seek wise counsel from those who have lived life well before God. So Mary left home and made her way to an older relative who was named Elizabeth. Elizabeth was a godly woman. Several months earlier her husband, Zechariah, had also received a message from Gabriel. They were expecting a child in their old age, gifted to them from God.

When Mary entered Elizabeth's home, her lips broke into poetry and prophecy that flowed like a song. Her prayer of worship was inspired by the Spirit and captured for us in scripture. Old Testament phrases rolled off her tongue as she worshiped her Lord.

Reading her words, we are reminded of how dramatically God's thoughts and ways are unlike ours. His ways are a reversal of human, sin influenced ways. But God's reversal of human patterns brings blessing, life, and hope.

As you read Mary's prayer, notice how God-centered her thoughts are. At a time when she would have seemed to have every "right" to be focused on herself, she is not. She worships. She is stunned by God's grace to her. She anticipates His great and strong work to come.

Let us worship Him, believe Him, and submit ourselves as His servants with joy, regardless of the consequences.

READING FOR NEXT WEEK

Luke 1:39-56

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