



Blessed Assurance

Pastor Bernard Hamp | Romans 8:35-39 (KJV)

THE BIG IDEA

Whatever we face, our confidence rests in Christ's faithful love and finished work.

Sermon Summary

In Blessed Assurance, Pastor Bernard Hamp encourages the congregation from Romans 8:35-39. Paul names real suffering and asks whether it can separate believers from the love of Christ. His answer points to a victory received through the One who loves us. Neither present trouble nor uncertainty about the future can overcome God's love in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Hamp illustrates assurance by comparing it with insurance. A policy depends on a contract and continued payments; Christian assurance rests in grace and what Christ has accomplished. The message urges listeners to become persuaded of God's faithfulness before the next storm, to pray with confidence, and to remember that hardship does not mean they have been abandoned.

The sermon also speaks to those who have made mistakes or struggled along the way. Pastor Hamp shares his own experience of leaving the church and being brought back. His testimony points listeners toward forgiveness, restoration, and a personal relationship with God. The closing encouragement is to keep trusting the Savior who will never leave or forsake His people.

Memory Verse

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Romans 8:37 (KJV)

Our confidence is grounded in Christ's love, even in the difficulties Paul names.

[Read the Scripture \(KJV\)](#) | [Full worship recording](#) | [Sermon at 1:04:24](#)

Prepared from the supplied September 20 worship transcript, using the Scripture reading and sermon from 1:04:24 through 1:23:56. Times refer to the full worship recording. The study ends before the invitation.



Detailed Sermon Notes

1. Trouble cannot separate us from Christ's love

Romans 8:35-39 names tribulation, distress, persecution, and other dangers. Paul acknowledges suffering while affirming the strength of Christ's love. Pastor Hamp applies this to life's ups and downs: a storm is real, but it does not have the authority to remove God's love from the believer.

Recording: 1:04:24-1:05:17; 1:11:47-1:12:37

3. Rest your confidence in grace

In his insurance-and-assurance illustration, Pastor Hamp contrasts a contract and recurring payments with grace and Christ's finished work. He describes assurance as paid in full at the cross. This is an illustration of the basis of Christian confidence: trust in the Savior's work, rather than the fear that His love must be purchased.

Recording: 1:10:52-1:11:44

5. Bring your concerns to God in prayer

Pastor Hamp connects assurance with prayer for loved ones. Because he trusts God's faithfulness, he can bring concerns for family and friends before the Lord. The practical invitation is to pray with dependence and hope, remembering who receives the prayer rather than allowing fear to have the final word.

Recording: 1:15:12-1:16:25

7. Trust His care in the quiet hours

The sermon speaks of contentment in changing circumstances and of tears in the middle of the night. Pastor Hamp reminds listeners that God does not sleep and knows their needs. Assurance gives a reason to keep calling on Him when another person is unavailable and a concern feels especially lonely.

Recording: 1:18:57-1:20:48

2. Remember who is for you

Pastor Hamp draws on the questions in Romans 8:31-34 before returning to the sermon text. God justifies, and Christ died, rose, and intercedes. The message directs our confidence toward God rather than other people's accusations. It also reminds listeners that forgiveness is possible when they have made a mistake.

Recording: 1:08:34-1:10:49

4. Be persuaded before the storm

Paul's conviction in Romans 8:38 gives Pastor Hamp a call to readiness. Build a habit of remembering God's faithfulness before trouble arrives. Being persuaded does not require knowing every detail of the future. It means carrying trust in Christ into uncertainty and listening for His guidance amid competing voices.

Recording: 1:13:08-1:14:29

6. Remember the path of restoration

Reflecting on God's presence and knowledge of us, Pastor Hamp gives a personal testimony: he began in church, left, and was brought back. His story encourages humility and gratitude. Remembering where God has brought us from helps us speak with compassion to others who are still finding their way.

Recording: 1:16:44-1:18:47

8. Make the testimony your own

Pastor Hamp returns to Christ's saving work and the confidence that our problems are not greater than the Savior. He says he once leaned on his parents' testimony but now also has his own. Notice God's faithfulness in your life, give Him the glory, and use your experience to encourage someone else.

Recording: 1:20:52-1:23:56



Put the Lesson into Practice

- Read Romans 8:35-39 slowly. Name one fear you need to bring under the assurance of Christ's love.
- Recall a time God sustained you. Write it down so you can remember it in a difficult season.
- Pray for one family member or friend, entrusting the concern to God.
- When you make a mistake, seek forgiveness and take a faithful step toward restoration.
- Share an honest testimony that includes the struggle and the help you received.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for Your faithful love in Jesus Christ. Strengthen our confidence when life is uncertain. Help us remember Your grace, bring our concerns to You, and walk in the forgiveness and restoration You provide. Teach us to encourage others honestly and humbly. Keep our hearts anchored in You through every season. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Personal Reflection

What situation will you entrust to Christ this week, and how does Romans 8:35-39 strengthen your confidence?

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Sermon Study Questions

Name: _____ Date: _____

Choose one answer for each question. Use the website to submit your answers and reflection privately to the church.

1. What central assurance does Romans 8:35-39 give believers?

- A. Faith removes every difficult experience
- B. Nothing listed can separate them from God's love in Christ
- C. Only people without past mistakes can receive grace
- D. Other people decide whether God will love them

2. According to Romans 8:37, how are believers more than conquerors?

- A. Through having the fewest problems
- B. Through approval from everyone around them
- C. Through their own strength alone
- D. Through Him who loved them

3. When did Pastor Hamp encourage listeners to be fully persuaded of God's faithfulness?

- A. Before going into the storm
- B. Only after every problem has ended
- C. Only when another person agrees
- D. After they understand every detail of the future

4. What encouragement did Pastor Hamp give to someone who has made a mistake?

- A. A mistake makes prayer useless
- B. Other people have the final word on forgiveness
- C. God can forgive and restore them
- D. They must hide their past from God

5. What did Pastor Hamp say he now has, after leaning on his parents' testimony?

- A. A life without any difficult days
- B. His own testimony of God's faithfulness
- C. No further need to pray
- D. An answer to every question about the future

6. EXTRA CREDIT - In Pastor Hamp's insurance-and-assurance illustration, what is assurance covered by?

- A. A contract
- B. Continued payments
- C. Grace
- D. Personal reputation