

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday November 3, 2025 - Romans 8:31

**"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us,
who can be against us?"**

Read Romans 8 for meditation and inspiration.



WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST

Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

We live in a brave new world of artificial intelligence where machines increasingly assist us in most aspects of life. You may have heard of the artificial intelligence (AI) program ChatGPT and, with it, tried it to research a topic or write a note. But did you know from the same company there is another system called DALL-E that can create “realistic images and art” from a brief description? If you are unfamiliar with this program, try asking DALL-E to draw something like “a snail driving a racecar in the style of Picasso,” and I think you’ll be amazed at the result. The implications of these programs raise so many hopes and, simultaneously, so many concerns. For example, hope that AI will one day find a cure for certain cancers – and concern that without the proper safeguards, we could lose control of this amazing technology.

Because of our creative and technological mastery, unlike the laboring people in Jesus’ time, we are not required to carry heavy burdens on our backs for hours. Still, there are times when we feel weary and find life burdensome. No machine can live our lives for us; no machine can spare us from the emotional stress, the spiritual conflict to which all human beings are subject. Consequently, Jesus’ great invitation

is extended to us all: “Come to Me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you.”

Dear ones, You, as God’s creation are one of a kind, endued with the likeness and image of God. You are as a believer in the Son of God, Jesus, a citizen of the Kingdom of God and nothing can ever take that away.

Here is how the Apostle Paul said it in Romans 8: 31-39

“What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For thy sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

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

AI will never take our place in God’s Plan or in the eyes of our Heavenly Father.

In Faith and Trust,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger".

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