

FUSION Q's...

Ephesians Part 7 – God Completes Us

Discussion Questions

- Q1. How does it make you feel to know that as a Christian, the Holy Spirit lives within you (has made his home in your heart) giving you power to live a life you could not live on your own?
- Q2. What kind of life do you think this looks like?
- Q3. Why is it important for a Christian to be “strengthened” (Paul mentions this twice in his prayer)? Why do we need strength?
- Read Romans 8:31-39**
- Q4. What is so significant about Paul’s question, “who will condemn us?” and his answer, “no one”?
- Q5. What does it mean that God has given us “right standing” before him and why is this important?
- Q6. Sometimes we tend to think that we should blame God as if he let us down when things don’t go our way. What does Paul have to say about that in this passage?
- Q7. How does it make you feel to know that nothing can separate you from God’s love?
- Q8. What does this tell us about God?

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

Today’s Ephesians Passage (3:14-21... p.705)

¹⁴ When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father,^[e] ¹⁵ the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.^[f] ¹⁶ I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. ¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. ¹⁸ And may you have

the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. ²¹ Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Romans 8:31-39 (p.679)

³¹ What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? ³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t he also give us everything else? ³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. ³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading for us.

³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, “For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.”^[g]) ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[h] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.