ROMANS 8:35-39 THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST PART 2

INTRO:

- **All that Paul has spoken to us in this chapter is a verbal display of God's unchanging love to us. God's children, His Church.**
- **Now this last section of this chapter, vs 35-39, closes out with the assurance of the love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord for His church.**
- **Here beginning in vs. 35 we need to remind ourselves what Paul has been saying and teaching.**
- **That he has laid out a series of challenges and proofs to the doctrine of final preservation of the saints, secured by the love of God.**
- **The true Christians unchangeable, unalterable eternal safety held by God's immutable love.**
- **Now in verse 35 Paul brings the last challenge to our security, that is the possibility that we might fail and thus fallout from God's love.**
- **Paul goes on to the end of the chapter proving that this is impossible, God's love for us will not be separated from us, thus we will not be separated from His love.**
- **As per Paul's usual pattern, where after giving doctrine, he then lists the things that may challenge our faith and love.**
- **But the real question asked is, will God's love for us fail to keep us in love with Him? This is the question.**
- **In these verses we move from the love that will not accuse us, that will not condemn us, but rather acquit us.**
- **Then we see a love that we are told holds us and will not abandon nor allow us to be separated from the love of God, a love that will keep us loving Him.**
- **Notice that sins or failings are not mentioned in the list of things that attempt to separate for they have all been put away on the cross by the redeeming, justifying blood of Christ.**
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Read again 35-39.

Vs. 35; WHO SHALL SEPARATE US?

- **Do I realize that what Paul has been trying to get across to me boils down to this great question. Can I be separated from the love of God and thus from God Himself?**
- **? Here in Romans, we see loves beginnings in 5:5, 8,**
- **We recognize at the very beginning of vs 35 the identifying, origination and source of what follows, it is a "Who" not a "what."**

- **We see the hint of the sovereignty of God over all things, behind all things, the "Who" lifts the veil to see it is God who is overall.**
- **From the "Who" we see mentioned the "what's". but He is master over all.**
- **And so we find He, our Creator, our Father Our God is over even all these things,**
- **As it was with the handling of Christ the Messiah at His passion where we were expressly told "He who spared not His own Son, VS. 32, Acts 2:23. "*He being delivered by the determined foreknowledge of God."***
- **So, it is in all our testings and trials God is sovereign.**
- **Here we see again the promise of Jesus in Jn. 10:28, 29, "no one" can pluck them out of my or my Father's hand.**
- **For Paul this long list of adversity was by no means just rhetoric, empty thoughts or words, they were rooted in facts and experiences of his own personal history, Paul's life eventually ended by way of the sword.**
    - **2 Cor. 11:22- 12:10.**

<u>WHO SHALL SPERATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST:</u>

- **This blessed chapter, having brought before us such a varied and rapturous view of God and the Christian life, now closes**
- **And the final focus of eye and heart is on the blessed object of faith, Jesus, and the last highlights of Jesus is His saving love, the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
- **Jesus is the beginning and now the ending, and we see God's love to us, a love that is immutable, unchanging. God's love will not let me go… It will secure me to Himself unto and through all eternity.**
- **Now, I would like to draw our attention to notice that the love is in question here is not our love for God, but God's keeping love toward us.**
- **The love of Christ, 35, vs 37 Him that loved us, vs 39 love of God in Christ Jesus the Lord.**
- **Also in these verses we see that the Father's and the Son's love for us is interchangeable. Vs. 35, 37, 39. Showing equality of divinity and Person.**
- **Oh, how wonderful that we need not trust our often weak and wavering efforts to love God, it will not due, it will not hold.**
- **The weight of our own anchor is far to light to hold our vessel in the severe storms of life.**

- **Trials challenge us with, disappointments, discouragements and deflates our faith and attempts to turn us inward rather than upward.**
- **And the question arises, does God loves me? But we must believe and trust by faith that God loves us always regardless of circumstances.**
- **We must believe this and open our hearts to accept His love especially when our enemy whispers in our ears, God loves others, you He cannot, and does not love.**
- **But by faith we embrace the direction of God when He says, the just shall live by faith.**
- **Praise God we have the absolute invincible, unchanging love of God which shall not only hold us, but energize and lift our faltering love into His own bosom.**
- **All that Jesus did for His church was the unfolding expression of His love.**
- **See it in Bethlehem as love incarnate, in His ministry we see love laboring, at Lazarus's grave we see love weeping, sympathizing, in Gethsemane I see love agonizing, at calvary I see love suffering bleeding and redeeming.**
- **Also, in vs. 37 being more than conquerors through Him who loved us. It is in the past tense, thus pointing us to calvary.**
- **It is God's love here that is challenged, is it strong, dependable, trustworthy, or is it transient, fickle and changing?**
- **Also can this love, this faith we have been given by grace from God and for God fail? Be severed, be amputate? Can the power and love of God keep us loving Him?**
- **Can it remain and hold us through these trials and tribulation?**
- **His love for us fosters and births our love to Him. 1 JN. 4:10, 19.**
- **Of course His love for us fosters and births our love to Him. (1 JN. 4:10, 19).**
- **The true Christian, true child of God will not be pulled away from the keeping saving love of God.**
- **Rom. 5:10 as well shows us that if when we were enemies Christ died for us, the point being that while we were enemies, He loved us and died for us, how much more will He not by His life continue to save us, now being brethren.**
- **The love of the Father is seen in giving us Christ, in choosing us in Christ and in blessing us with all spiritual blessings in Christ. Eph. 1:3, 4.**

- **It is the love of the Father that is the fountain of all covenant and redemptive mercies to the Church to the believer.**
- **How determined was Jesus to prove the love of the Father for us. He told us**
    - **In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; [27] for the Father Himself loves you, (Jn. 16:26-27)**
    - **and Jn. 17:26, I have declared unto them Thy name and will declare it that the love where with you have loved me may be in them.**
- **His love is the steam where of makes glad the city of God. (Ps. 46:4)**

<u>WHO IS THIS PROMISE OF LOVING FOR? THE US?</u>

- **Let us notice the word or pronoun "<u>US</u>" in vs. 35 & 39, this identifies to whom Paul is guaranteeing the unfailing, keeping love of God.**
- **The <u>US</u> is first identified in 1:7, To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: and then throughout the epistle as identified here as the foreknown, predestined, called, justified, glorified.**
- **In the original GK. "US" has a slight emphasis lain on it by its position in the text.**