ROMANS 8:35-39 PART 4

REVIEW: READ 8:31-39

37 MORE THAN CONQUORS:

- **Not only will nothing separate us from God's love to us, and our love to Him, but through all tribulations we are to be found more that conquerors through Him that loved us.**
- **The phrase, "more than conquerors" is one compound word in the GK. Here is the only time it is used in the N.T.**
- **It means to be super victorious. Coming through with more than we entered with.**
- **This term is intended to remind us that the life of the believer is a warfare in which we are called to combat, both that which is within and that which is without.**
    - **"The Christian is born a soldier, and no sooner born than the drum beats, and he is called to the field; he is not born to get land and gold, but to perform great exploits." William Gurnall.**
- **Those things intended by our adversaries to sever us, to amputate us from the love of Christ not only fail, but add to the supremacy of out victory as we see in Rom. 5:3-5. Here is present fruit,**
- **And 2 Tim. 4:6-8 future fruit.**
- **We are not simply enabled by His love, to hang in there, somehow to just make it by the skin of our teeth, or to coast, drift, or sleep our way into eternity.**
- **Think of the trials we have faced, and may be facing, this is where the reality of Christ's promises to us confront us, where faith is challenged, where the rubber of faith hits the road of life.**
- **We recall and acknowledge that since God has been faithful to us in our past, which builds confidence towards God that certainly He will be faithful in our tomorrows, whatever comes.**
- **Have we discovered that our strength, our might, wisdom, or resourcefulness, falls short, yet as we look to Christ we overcome by the power of the steadfast love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.**
- **what a blessing and relief it is when we discover our weakness and, in that brokenness, and humility to be made strong, more that conquerors.**
    - **2 Cor. 12:10 when I am weak than I am strong.**
- **What a blessing to know and rest in the power of His faithful love. Do I know this rest?**
    - **Heb. 4:1-11 entering into God's rest!**
- **These hardships remind and reinforce the fact that we are aliens and sojourners in this world, earth is not our home.**
- **We are strangers and pilgrims and these trials strip us s world and help us to long for the glory which is to come even in some measure like Paul speaks of in vs 18. & 28**

- **I am reminded of Israel when they were freed from Egypt, where their former tormentors being overcome by the power of God, not only released them but gave to them their own wealth. They spoiled themselves for Israel, and Israel left with more than they had before.**
- **For the Christian all things work for our benefit.**
    - **1 Cor. 3:21b -23; For all things are yours: [22] whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—all are yours. [23] And you *are* Christ's, and Christ *is* God's.**

VS. 38

- **"I am persuaded," I have come through a process of persuasion, to a settled conclusion.**
- **Paul weighed his life's circumstances out, he put them on trial and was irreversibly persuaded.**
- **Paul was persuaded and his persuasion became substance and evidence of the immutable love of God which merged into faith.**
- **Am I? have I been persuaded in my circumstances, by my experiential relationship and walk with God that He is faithful and will let anything separated me from His love.**
- **And am I resting in this truth, No separation from the love of God, of Christ and the truth of vs. 18 & 28**
- **Paul uses this word and thought again in 2 Tim. 1:12, For I am persuaded**

- **DEATH THE LAST FOE: Death the last enemy Paul mentions first, deal with death and all other trials have lost their crushing power.**
- **Being persuaded that Christ's love can hold us in and through death, what is left for us to fear?**
- **Yes, here in this life we all know that death has a separating power, this I know better than I would like to know, as do some of you as well.**
- **Death separates the soul and spirit from the body as well as the person from all earthly ties and relationships.**
- **It separates the person from all pursuits and attractions of the earth.**
- **All thoughts of ambition, earthly gain and advancement all perish in that moment.**
- **And sadly, there is of course the great separation from all human relationships, loving fellowship and the joy of each other's presence.**
- **This separation is of course most sharply and deeply felt by those who are left behind.**
- **Death breaks the bond, the link that bound us so wonderfully and so closely to the one whose affection, sympathy and fellowship which was an essential element of our own being.**
- **Whose life we regarded and felt as part of our very existence.**

- **But here is something, the primary thing, death cannot separate us from, the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord,**
- **In the believer's death we are not separated from the love of God.**
- **In death there is an expansion of the fellowship of love with Him who has disarmed death of its sting and destroyed him that had the power of death.**
    - **Heb. 2:14-15.**
- **The love that holds us fast and carries us, not just through earths time but into and in heavens eternity.**
- **All the limited foretastes of heaven and fellowship with Christ we have known here come to us there in fullness as Christ carries us and welcomes us into His everlasting presence. Now to know in full and not in part.**
- **After all He said He would prepare a place for us. In Him, with Him.**
- **The Christians life is never so complete nor happy and blessed as it is when the soul passes through the gateway of death into glory.**
- **Instead of death separating the saint from God, it is the doorway to bringing them home to Himself.**
- **Death discharges the soul from the burden of sin and sorrow that it may be clothed with perfect holiness and joy and join with those gone before;**
    - **As mentioned in Heb. 12:22-24. Just men made perfect.**
    - **1 Jn. 3:2 Beloved now we are the children of God but we know….**
- **The day the body closes its eye to all earthly scenes, it opens the spiritual eye to untold, unimaginable and ever-increasing glories and pleasures of the Godhead.**
- **It is the birthday of immutability and purity.**
    - **Ecc. 7:1b,** the day of death is better than the day of one's birth;
- **Death received a death wound when Christ Died and rose again.**
- **The sting of death was removed at the cross in Christ, therefore there is no condemnation and none can bring a charge.**
- **The Saint's death shall be a great victory over the believers last foe.**
- **At death nothing of eternal value or precious shall be lost. There is not a grace in the soul that shall not come out of the battle with sin and death purer and brighter for the conflict.**
- **Not a grain of grace shall perish in the winnowing, not a particle of faith will be consumed in the refining,**
- **every grace of the Spirit is matured, faith is strengthened, holy knowledge is increased.**
- **Yes, death cannot separate us from the love of God.**
    - **Octavious pg. 393.**
- **And for us left behind, one comes through the trial holier, humbler and closer to Christ in the heart, better acquainted with Christ's fulness and nearness and person.**

LIFE:

- **Now the greatest dangers to the love of God in our hearts here in western civilization is not so much the opposition to our faith and persecution, but the enticements, the desires and the short-seasoned false pleasures of this life, this age.**
- **Actually, these tribulations God can use to sever us from the deceitful temporal promises and trappings of this world, the passing and ill promised pleasures of this life.**
- **Whatever we face in this life, the prosperity, the blessings, the allurements of pleasure, the draw of coasting, God's love is able and will steal us from these lesser unnoble loves.**
- **For our God is a jealous God.**
    - **EX. 34:14.**
- **NOR THINGS TO COME:**
- **We have no need to fear the future, for God rules overall and His banner over us is love! Notice this is a love that "IS".**
- **NOR HEIGHT NOR DEPTH:**
- **Weather fallen angelic powers, prosperity, popularity, position or poverty or reproach. Nothing. (from Solomon to Lazarus.)**
- **Nothing can get in and sever us from Him and His love for He keeps us.**
    - **1 Peter 1:5**