ROMANS 8:35-39 PART 5

Review:

- **DEATH**
- **The Saint's death shall be a great victory over his 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, sin and any dark thing shall be gone.**

LIFE:

- **Now perhaps the greatest danger to the keeping 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 evaporating pleasures of this life, this age.**
- **Painful tribulations God can use to sever us from the deceitful temporal promises and trappings of this world.**
- **Whatever we face in this life, allurements of pleasure, the draw of coasting the prosperity, the blessings, or any tribulations, God's love is able to separate us from these lesser unnoble loves.**
- **The expulsive power of a greater affection!**
- **For our God is a jealous God.**
    - **EX. 34:12-14.**
- **NOR THINGS TO COME:**
- **We have no need to fear the future, for God rules overall, He is sovereign and His banner over us is love!**
    - And the LORD, He *is* the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed." Dt. 32:8
- **NOR HEIGHT NOR DEPTH:**
- **Whether fallen angelic powers, or social elevations of prosperity, popularity, position or the humiliating power of poverty or reproach.**
- **Nothing shall get between and sever the believer from God and His love for He keeps us.**
    - **1 Peter 1:4-5.**

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT I CAN I BE AN OVERCOMER?
THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US:

- **In verses, 35, 37, 39. we see that the love of the Father and the love of the Son for us is one and the same love. Showing equality of Person.**
- **If Christ were not God, He could not promise or guarantee that His love would hold us into eternity.**
- **If Christ were not God, He could not promise to save us to the uttermost, and bring us home with Him in heaven.**
- **Here then the mystery is explained, how a weak, timid and often failing believer is yet, despite all his shortcomings, more than a conqueror over his many foes.**
- **It is through Him who infinitely loved and goes on loving us that we conquer. We ride in His victory.**
    - **1 Cor. 15:57, But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- **Paul does not use the phrase "the love of the God" (39) and stop there, but goes on to identify its sphere, its location.**
- **It is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
- **To whom is the glory ascribed? to Him who the Father delivered up for us all, (32) to the Christ who died, (vs 34) to Him who triumphed over the grave, who now sits at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us, to Him who loved us. (37)**
- **We look to Him from whom the endless reservoir of the love of the Father flows.**
- **It is in this love that the Christian is empowered for war and be made more than a conqueror over and in all these things?**
- **I must add that the love of the Father is often used of His general love for all, as the originator of all life,**
- **But the love spoken of here, this special love does not extend to those outside of Christ, that is the sinner.**
- **And scripture teaches that God has issues with the rebellious sinner.**
- **We are often told in scripture that God hates or is at enmity with the world and the sinner.**
    - **Ps. 5:5,** The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.
    - **Ps. 145:20,** The LORD preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.
        - **Ps. 11:5, and the warning in Jn. 3:18, 36,**
- **Paul here specifically narrows this love to God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
- **It is covenanting love; it is the love spoken of in Eph. 5:25 "as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for her."**

- **In Christ Jesus our Lord is this love found, I must be in Christ to lay claim and experience this saving, keeping love.**
- **It is Christ and Him alone that the love of God is found.**
    - **1 JN. 5:11-12; And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is <u>in His Son</u>. [12] He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.**
- **Those who reject Christ and hope to partake of God's love will fail to find it.**
- **He Who died in my place, to Him is this glory of the triumph ascribed.**
- **Our love may temporarily falter but His love will never fail or be defeated.**
    - **Heb. 13:5-6, I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The LORD *is* my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"**
    - **Jer. 31:3, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore, with lovingkindness I have drawn you.**
- **The love of the Father was in deposit in the Son, all that Jesus did flowed from that infinite reservoir of the love of the Father resident in Him.**
- **The love of the Father is lived out through the Son, see all that Jesus did as a obedience to the love of the Father.**
    - **Incarnation, baptism, healing, challenging, suffering and crucifixion are all outflowing's of the Father's love.**

<u>CONCLUSION:</u>

- **Now do I want to be saved; do I want to know now and through all eternity the love of God?**
- **Then I must be in Christ. It is in Him the love of God resides in its fulness,**
- **I will not find the reservoir of God's love in myself or earthy relationships, not in some saint or Mary, not in my works or other idols, redeeming love is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
- **In Christ… in God's love, …not in Christ, …outside of God's love.**
- **Christ died for the Church His Bride, not simply that she would be forgiven,**
- **but that she would ultimately arrive in glory with this absolute perfection, without spot or wrinkle through His love.**
- **Christ died for His Bride and will without fail complete His work in her.**
    - **Eph. 5:25-27.**
- **He set His love on her for this very end and He will let nothing rob Him of His goal and purpose and intent.**
- **Nothing can sperate us from God's eternal embrace, from the foreknown where the Father embraced the Son, and in the Son all who were by grace in with Him.**
- **All of the encouragements and assurances of this chapter are all stored up in Christ Jesus or Lord.**

- **Every blessing and promise of this chapter are found and treasured up for us in Him.**
- **Eph. 1:3, Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the**
- **<u>Corrie Ten Boom</u> *was at the Nazi death camp Ravensbrück where morning after morning roll call came at 4:30. Most mornings were cold, and sometimes the women would be forced to stand without moving for hours in the bone-chilling pre-dawn darkness.***
- ***Nearby were the punishment barracks where all day and far into the night would come the sounds of cruelty: blow after blow landing in regular rhythm and screams keeping pace.***
- ***But Corrie and her sister Betsie had a Bible, and at every opportunity they would gather the women together like orphans around a blazing fire, and read Romans 8:***
- ***Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?… In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.***
- ***Corrie later said:***
- ***I would look about us as Betsie read, watching the light of the word leap from face to face. More than conquerors. It was not a wish. It was a fact. We knew it, we experienced it minute by minute in an ever-widening circle of help and hope.***
- ***Life at Ravensbrück took place on two separate levels. One, the observable, external life which grew every day more horrible. The other, the life we lived with God which grew daily better, truth upon truth, glory upon glory.***

Now may we know if truth the wonder and life of PS. 30: 11-12,

- **You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, 12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.**

CLOSE: "Is He Worthy?"