

CONSTANT LOVE

Romans 8:35-39

Introduction: Without thinking, most people's ideas about the things of God and the Lord Jesus Christ are taken for granted that they are like ours. It never enters one's mind that just perhaps God's ways of doing and thinking are actually different from ours and we don't begin to understand the difference. Take "love" for instance. How many kinds of "love" do we have? "Love for family" is different from "love for ice cream" and "love to hunt and fish" is different from "love of a girl or boy friend." When we read of the "love of God" we naturally relate God's love with our kind of love but God's love is so different. Let's take a look at God's love.

I. WHO OR WHAT SHALL SEPARATE US FROM CHRIST'S LOVE?

1. What about tribulations and burdens?
2. What about distress, troubles, dangers, pain, grief, afflictions or trials?
3. What about persecution, oppression, injuries, annoyances, troubles?
4. What about famine, starvation, hunger, scarcities?
5. What about nakedness, bareness, unclothed, divested?
6. What about perils, dangers, hazards, risks, chances?
7. What about the sword, wars, destructions, vengeance?
8. Will Jesus Christ love us less when we encounter these things? People do, but Jesus won't.
 - Not until Jesus forgets the Garden of Gethsemane will His love cease for us.
 - Not until Jesus forgets the Cross on Calvary's Hill will His love grow cold.

II. IS THERE ANYTHING OR ANYBODY THAT/WHO CAN SEPARATE US FROM GOD'S LOVE?

1. Death will not separate us. Ironically, death ushers us into God's divine presence.
2. Life shall not separate us, although life is filled with anxieties, toils, trials, temptations, forever calling our thoughts away from God. We shall not forget that it is God who is the giver of all life, not somebody or something else.
3. Celestial beings shall not separate us for Jesus is the supreme ruler, on earth and in heaven.
4. Principalities shall not separate us.
5. Powers shall not separate us, for Jesus is all powerful.

6. Present things shall not separate us, for these "present" things shall pass away and with a fervent heat these elements shall be dissolved.
7. Future things shall not separate us for Jesus is the same yesterday, today and will be the same tomorrow and forever.
8. Things from above shall not separate us.
9. Things from below shall not separate us.
10. No created thing shall separate us, for without Jesus, nothing has ever been or ever will be created. Is the creation greater than it's creator?

CONCLUSION:

1. The Love of God:
 - was manifest in the creation of mankind.
 - was manifest in the redemption of mankind.
 - is manifest to each of His Children by:
 - laying hold of them, lifting them from the depths of sin and despair, setting them in high places, making them joint-heirs with Jesus.
2. The Love of Jesus Christ:
 - looked down pityingly upon this dark and helpless world.
 - shone through all the Old Testament laws, pointing to the coming of the Savior.
 - strengthened Him to endure His anguish in the Garden and on the Cross.
 - provided for man a day of grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit to renew and sanctify.
3. Be assured:
 - and stand with the apostle Paul and declare "that there can never be anything to separate us from Christ's love."
 - and praise His name - Jesus Christ has done it all.
 - in how wonderful it is to be called a Christian. How great the feeling of knowing that Jesus Christ's love can never be separated from us.
4. God's love is nothing like what we call "love."