

The Love of God is Sure

Romans 8:35-39

Introduction: Definition of love for this morning:

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: ‘For your sake we face death all day long;

we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’ ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

What is he NOT asking?

Examples of what he IS asking about:

How do we handle Paul saying these experiences are possible for children of God and Jesus’ teaching (ie. Matthew 6) promising God’s provision?

How are God’s will and God’s love linked?

Who is the WHO behind all the WHATS in Paul’s list?

Why does Paul quote Psalm 44:22 as a support for his assertion of the certainty of God’s love?

2. How does Paul answer his own question in verse 35?

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What does it mean to be MORE than a conqueror?

3. What is the difference in the list in verses 38, 39 compared to the list in 36?

Why is Paul telling us these things twice?

Reflection question: *What kinds of things do you most fear happening to you (including happening to someone you love)? Read verses 35-39 with those things substituted for the lists in vs. 36 and vs. 38-39. How can we encourage each other and prayerfully meditate on the good news of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus to lead us to confidence in the certainty of God’s love, like Paul?*