

# **Romans 8:35-39 – Christ’s Inseparable Love Declared!**

TSK, GreekLexicon, Rienecker, Handfuls, Steele, Gaebelin, Vincent, Trapp, Robertson, Poole, PNT, Henry, Koning, Geneva, JFB, Family, Calvin, Brothers and Sisters in the Lord: You are no longer under Satan’s chains of slavery. **You were chosen, you were called, you were justified, you were sanctified, and you will be glorified.** Every chosen is glorified, guaranteed! **What a glorious chain of events!**

**Maybe you declared your love for your wife this past week, but hear today about Christ’s inseparable love.**

Our headings are:

**Christ’s Inseparable Love - Declared**

**Christ’s Inseparable Love - Strengthens**

**Christ’s Inseparable Love - Comforts**

Our goals are: **That you will be confident in your eternal security and therefore love God and work for the kingdom, so the nations might come to know and serve the Lord!**

## **Christ’s Inseparable Love - Declared**

35 **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**1. “Who (or what) can separate you from Christ’s love?” This is a rhetorical question with the implied negative answer.**

No one! Nothing! The Christian’s salvation is secured. The Christian is kept safe from being captured by the Devil.

**The Devil may try, but he will always fail!**

What a beautiful way to teach of God’s love. He could have simply said, “Jesus loves you.” But he illustrated it!

**2. Consider the list of impotent things the Devil might use that cannot separate the Christian from Christ’s love:**

- a. **Tribulation**...any troubles which cause pressure on body, mind, or soul.
- b. **Distress**...facing anguish or severe punishment...and finding there is no way to turn for relief.
- c. **Persecution**...banishment or being driven from a place where one has a right to be...like from his home.
- d. **Famine**...going without food for a long time.
- e. **Nakedness**...a torture of the mind...worse than famine.
- f. **Peril**...multiple severe dangers at the same time.
- g. **Sword**...being put to death. It is the severest of all.

**Notice an increasing seriousness of the stresses that might want to separate you from God’s love...but they can’t.**

Satan will continue to bring charges against God’s people, but Christ’s work will erase those charges. V33.

**Revelation 12: 10** Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, **for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.**

**3. The Christian can press on and fulfill his duty even in the midst of tribulations.**

**Romans 8:31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**This is the foundation of the believer’s confidence.** He knows God’s promises are real and he **has the desire and the ability to keep them.**

**God’s desire to fulfill this promise to man cost him his Son.** But God keeps his commitment. After all, if he would give up the life of his beloved begotten Son for something, wouldn’t it be natural to make sure his Son’s death was not wasted?

## **4. Lessons:**

**a. Troubles are like clouds, but the Son is behind them – and he will shine through!**

**b. God loves forever. Man’s declaration of love may be sweet-like from last week, but he can never love perfectly and he can never love forever! This is why God’s love meant so much to Apostle Paul who had just cried out: “O wretched man that I am!”** You are loved in spite of your sins. And God knows you need reassurance of his love.

**c. Your friends, even your spouse, might leave you when you are in trouble, but the Lord never leaves.**

Nothing can make him leave! Imagine the depth of that kind of love!

**2 Timothy 4:16** At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. 17 **But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me,** so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

**d. Satan will constantly point out the difference between your talk and your walk, but the Savior will constantly point to his righteousness credited to his children’s account.** That’s his work for believers

every single day, hour, and moment.

**e. Being adopted and secured, challenge these things - tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword – if they could separate you from his love.** You know the intensity of God's love in the Savior so you are no longer afraid.

### **Christ's Inseparable Love - Strengthens**

36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are **more than conquerors through Him who loved us.**

#### **1. Even though saints were put to death or were made to suffer, and that is to be expected in life, the love of Christ is always with his children to strengthen them.**

**Psalms 44:22** Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

The fullness of this quote shows it was intended to teach the suffering of believers over the centuries and yet their hope was never destroyed. Consider Satan's people! **In the days of Diocletian (AD286-305), 17000 Christians were killed in one month. In Paris, 300,000 were killed in one year.**

**The language – of being killed all day long- is not surprising because when one in the east looked at a sheep, he only thought about killing and eating!**

**Psalms 14:4** Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, **Who eat up my people as they eat bread,** And do not call on the LORD?

#### **2. The question then comes, "How can God say he loves his children and yet they are 'being killed all the day long?'"**

Answer: Though many Christians have been bathed in their own blood and killed, yet they are never destroyed. Even death is swallowed up in victory! In fact, **the word "conquerors" describes one who is winning a most glorious victory...**not just like beating someone at your favorite board game.

**Revelation 12:11** "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

God does not destroy the justified as the wicked. **No, he uses trials for the ultimate good of the justified.**

#### **3. Christians are assured "they are more than conquerors through him who loved us."**

So the hatred and opposition they faced was not something that could have destroyed the Christian home. Rather, it is a reminder of success. **Christ conquered by being killed!** This is Pauline language.

**2 Corinthians 2:14** Now thanks be to **God who always leads us in triumph in Christ,** and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

**1 Corinthians 15:57** But thanks be to God, **who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**And notice how the conquering, as in winning a war, leads to the dispersion of the spoils of war...**

#### **4. Lessons:**

**a. Being harassed and tried day after day is part of the Christian's life.** The Devil does not leave you alone. But what is the worst thing you could lose? Your life? But you will get a brand new, eternal one! So it is a gain! **Think about it-what does gold lose in the fire? Only impurities!** This is why one martyr about to die said: **"In these flames I feel no more pain than if I were on a bed of feathers."**

**b. Your assurance of heaven is like the highlight of the Christian's life.** It is like the main course of your meal. **It strengthens you do live! It strengthens you to love.**

**c. Someone described this confidence of victory as a "holy arrogance" in Jesus Christ.** You can't boast in yourself, but you can surely boast in the power of your Savior.

**d. You conquer because you are conquered by the love of Christ.** Only in Christ you win!

## Christ's Inseparable Love - Comforts

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, **nor angels nor principalities** nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### 1. Then in glorious words Apostle Paul confirmed his assurance that nothing could separate him from the love of God in Jesus.

Apostle Paul **heard God's Words** (who had proven himself in times past) and **believed God's Words**, so **his faith was strong** and he **could be sure of God's eternal, never-ending love** for his children!

### 2. He enumerated some of the strongest things in life -CREATED THINGS – those enemies that sought to conquer him – that he would be able to conquer.

- a. **Death...though his body would die. The terror of death would be ineffective.** God continues to love him, and would raise up his soul, and give him a new body.
- b. **Life...meaning, the pleasures of life.** He had the hope of heaven! **Pleasures couldn't seduce him.**
- c. **Angels...it is good to be with angels** (“engaged friends”), but **better to be in the presence of Jesus.**
- d. **Principalities...these are the evil angels,** but they could not stop him from being close to the Savior.
- e. **Powers...likely political leaders.**
- f. **Things present...present troubles...**
- g. **Things to come...judgment or troubles to come.**
- h. **Height...referring to the stars of the heaven** or the heavenly bodies or storms.
- i. **Depth**...referring to the depths of the earth, dungeons, the ocean deep, and the evil associated with them.
- j. **Created thing... a catch-all to every other thing Satan might use to turn his eyes from God.**

### 3. He was convinced beyond doubt God's love would be on him, and therefore, God would keep him safe.

#### 4. Lessons:

**a. You might leave God from time to time (and all fall for a time), but God never leaves you!** You might even feel estranged from God, but he never disowns you. He never does!

**b. Reflect on the love of God often.** Let God speak to you of his love daily. This means you must be a student of God's Word. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you God's love as you learn more.

**c. Speak of God's love!** How can you remain silent? Who has experienced such love and can remain silent? If you don't talk of God's love, it might be you don't know it! But you do, so speak-up!

#### Conclusion:

**God loves his children with an everlasting love.** This love **strengthens their faith** and **they can take on the worst trials and opposition in life.** This **gives them comfort during the worst trials of life.**

Beloved in the Lord Jesus:

**1. Being confident in your eternal security and being wrapped in the arms of love of God Almighty through Jesus Christ, you will face whatever trials come before you and you will show the world the greatness of Christ's love in you!**

**2. Your enduring of trial and your promoting of the cause of Christ will bring glory and honor to your Savior.** This is your evangelistic witness to the world. Isn't this your main goal in life? I hope it is.

Finally: If you don't know God's love you are stuck in a land of uncertainty! Let me tell you your future. It is hell – a place of eternal fire and guilt. **But if you ask God to love you (and there is no true love anywhere else) and count Christ's life and death as your life and death, he will love you!** He will then assure of his love and you can join us who believe and take on the world.