

ARE YOU COMPLETELY CONVINCED?

Romans 8:35-39

Introduction:

- What does it require to be 100% certain of your eternal destiny?
 1. To know the c_____ of God
 2. To rely ONLY on what God s_____
- The apostle Paul was completely convinced of two incredible truths for all believers in Christ. Are you completely convinced?

Nothing Can Separate You From Christ's Love For You

- Verse 36 is a quote from Ps 44:22
 1. This psalm is about the people of Israel suffering humiliating attacks from their enemies.
 - a. Israelites were being killed all d_____ long
 - b. Israelites were being slaughtered like s_____
 2. The people wondered if God still loved them.
 - a. This is the classic mistake of viewing God through our ex_____.
 - b. We must draw our conclusions about God by His word!
- No c_____ can separate believers from Christ's love
 1. List circumstances that deny one of some privileges (v. 35):
t_____ d_____ (NIV – hardship)
p_____ - see 2Cor 11:24,25; Acts 14:19
s_____

*Do not measure God's love by what people DO TO you
but by what Christ DID f_____ you! He d_____
for you and erased all s_____ from your record!*

2. List circumstances that deny one of some needs (v. 35)
f_____ n_____ - 2 Cor 11:27
p_____ (NIV – danger) – 2 Cor 11:26
*Do not measure God's love by what is TAKEN FROM you
but what God G_____ you. He gave us His only Son!*
3. The final circumstance denies one of his l_____ (v. 38)
D_____ cannot separate believers from Christ's love

- No c_____ can separate believers from Christ's love
 1. H_____ power cannot (God has not greatly limited this power)
 2. D_____ power cannot (God has greatly limited this power – Job, I Jn 5:18)
- T_____ & distance cannot separate believers from Christ's love

You Are More Than A Conqueror Through Christ

- Verse 37 states that there is no c_____ between believers in Christ and any adversity.
 1. We are m_____ than a conqueror (NAS – overwhelmingly conquer)
 2. The conquering is t_____ Christ who loves us.
- If this is true, then why do we sometimes (circle your experience):
feel discouraged get mad have doubts
let circumstances get the best of us
 1. God will not allow this attitude to p_____ in believers (Jms 1:2-4)
 - a. Tests are allowed by God so that we WILL p_____ them not fail them. (e.g. how many times will your patience have to be tried before you will pass the test?)
 - b. Allow trials to have their God-intended effect (improved c_____)

2. We do not become conquerors by conquering our circumstances
 - a. Believers are not to conquer their persecutors (do persecutors win?)
 - b. Many believers are k_____ for their faith (did martyrs lose?)
 - c. Believers suffer injustice such as rape, incest, wrongful imprisonment (do they lose?)
3. We will not BECOME conquerors but ALREADY ARE conquerors through C_____ who loved us (v. 37)
 - a. This act of love points back to the c_____ (that is why love is in the past tense).
 - b. Everything was s_____ for believers at the cross – the outcome has been predetermined

Since NOTHING will separate us from Christ's love, then we ARE more than conquerors through Christ's work of love on the cross.