

THE TRIUMPHANT BELIEVER
Rom. 8:35-39

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Notice what has been stated before these verses . . .
 - 1. The Spirit helps our weaknesses (Rom. 8:26).
 - 2. If God is for us who is against us (Rom. 8:31)
- B. After these the question is ask, “Who can separate us from the love of Christ.” (Agape).
 - 1. The questions suggest that nothing can effect us.
 - 2. It stands as a challenge.
 - 3. The believers soul and Christ are inseparably united.

I. AN IMPORTANT INTERROGATION.

- A. The intense and unparalleled nature of Christ’s love.
 - 1. Its eternal origin.
 - a. It was manifested when we were worthless (Rom. 5:6-11).
 - b. It brought Christ to earth. (From the throne to the cross, Phil. 2:5-11).
 - c. From glory and bliss, to poverty, humiliation, and death.
 - 2. Let us see the magnitude of such love.
- B. Notice the strong scriptural declarations of Christ’s love for us.
 - 1. Jn. 10:27,28 - Never perish, have eternal life.
 - 2. Jn. 13:1 - He love them to the end.
- C. This love, like Himself is immutable (James 1:17).

II. NOTE THE APOSTLES TRIUMPHANT ENUMERATION.

- A. He lists several afflictions that try us.
 - 1. Tribulation: Those that are peculiar to the Christian profession. (Acts 14:22).
 - 2. Distress: Being in the most perplexed and straitened circumstances, not knowing what to do.
 - 3. Persecution: From friends, foes, secret or public.
 - 4. Famine or nakedness: Temporal destitution.
 - 5. Peril: Worship God at the peril of severest terrors of ruling powers - also, from nature in carrying out Christian duties.
 - 6. Sword: Martyrdom. The sharp, glittering, keen-edged sword of the executioner.
 - 7. Being in jeopardy: “Killed all day long” (Ps. 44:22).
- B. No, none of these, nor all combined, shall remove us from Christ’s love.

III. THE APOSTLES’ GLORIOUS CONCLUSION.

- A. He is persuaded (clarify).
 - 1. Death: However terrific its mode.
 - 2. Life: However high or low and bitter.
 - 3. Angels: Fallen angels. However, powerful and malignant.
 - 4. Principalities and powers: The governments - no matter how powerful.
 - 5. Things present: no matter how numerous and combined.
 - 6. Things to come: Though the night of sorrow should darken a thousandfold.
 - 7. Nor any creature: Whatever may have been omitted in the other things.
- B. We shall be more than conquerors. The victory is sure. The prize certain.
 - 1. This is possible through Christ who has loved us.
 - 2. He is the captain of our salvation.