

Romans 8:35-39

Inseparable

A breach in Christ's love? ...

I. Onslaught of Interlopers

A. Antagonists Divested

1. Tribulation
2. Distress
3. Famine
4. Persecution
5. Nakedness
6. Danger
7. Sword

B. Afflictions Invested

II. Uber conquerors

A. Through Him

B. Far Beyond Survival

III. Comprehensive Assurance

A. Sure Confidence

B. Nemeses Vanquished

1. Death
2. Life
3. Angels
4. Rulers
5. Present
6. Future
7. Powers
8. Height
9. Depth
10. Anything Else

... by no means!

Children, Listen ...

1. Do trials and troubles in life mean that Jesus' love for us is small?
2. If people suffer for Jesus, does it bring Him glory?
3. Paul gives a long list of bad things that can happen to God's children – can any those things keep God's love from them?
4. How is it that God's love can be perfect?

Divine Definition

Genuine love cannot be destroyed – in fact resilience in the face of great challenge is the true test of the authenticity of love. Such devotion between humans, so far as it mirrors divine love, will endure all things. Yet our love for one another, no matter how sincere, will have cracks still in it. There may well be issues and circumstances that seriously strain, even effectively drive a damaging wedge between us. But God's love is pure and unchanging. While our love for Him may wax and wane His love for us is steady and true. We may not always "feel" loved, especially when trials and tribulations come. But Paul assures us that no matter what comes to pass (and he covers just about every possible thing in our text) His love for us does not change. If we try to understand divine love by the standards we hold as humans we will have a warped sense of God's true devotion to His children. If, on the other hand, we understand divine love as defined by God Himself "God is love" we will at least begin to grasp how unshakable His commitment is to us as His children. May the love of God in Christ carry you through all your days – the greatest and the gloomiest – instilling in you the assurance, comfort and peace that only the love of the Holy Trinity can provide for a child of the living God.