

Trust the Love! Part 6

Romans 8:15-39; Coast Community Church; Pastor Earl Miles; 7-18-21

The love of the Father is an **'all things' love** that one day will be fulfilled.

A. The love of the Father transforms *all circumstances*. (28)

And we know that God causes *all things* to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. (28)

- **'all things ... work together' (28):** God will not allow anything, even our sin or the sin of others, to keep us from what is good and to add to our joy in God! – Deuteronomy 23:5; Genesis 50:20; Psalm 23:4-6; 119:91; Ephesians 1:11
- **'foreknew' (29):** *These promises are for those who 'love God' because God 'foreloved' them!* – Jeremiah 1:5; Hosea 13:5
- **'conformed to the image of His Son' (29):** The 'unbroken and unbreakable chain' of divine actions is a 'package deal' (to experience one is to experience the rest).
 - Foreknow (forelove)
 - Predestine (mark beforehand for a purpose)
 - Call (effective working)
 - Justify (declare righteous though ungodly)
 - Glorify (make like Christ who is glorious) – Romans 12:2; Hebrews 12:1-3

B. The love of the Father includes *all blessings*. (32)

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us *all things*? (32)

- **'Heirs of God' (17):** An heir is a child who receives what belongs to the father. – Romans 4:13; James 2:5; Joshua 13:33; Psalm 16:5; 119:57; Hebrews 1:2
- **'compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us' (18):** The sufferings of this life are often horrible and weighty viewed in themselves but in comparison to the glory God has promised to his children, they are 'not weighty' at all; they are 'feathers' in comparison! – 1 Corinthians 2:9; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
- **'God is for us' (31):** We have opponents, but God is not one of them! – Isaiah 54:17; John 10:10; 1 John 5:19
- **'Give us all things' (32):** This means God will give us every good thing that is possible to be given to a created being by an infinite God! – Matthew 16:26; Romans 4:13; 1

Corinthians 3:21-23; 1 Chronicles 29:14; Psalm 8:6; Isaiah 44:24; Matthew 11:27; John 1:3; 3:35; 13:3; 17:10; 1 Corinthians 15:28; 2 Corinthians 6:10; Ephesians 1:10; 3:9; Colossians 1:16; 1 Timothy 6:17; Hebrews 3:4; Revelation 4:11; 5:13; 21:5

C. The love of the Father conquers *all sufferings*. (37)

But in *all* these *things* we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. (37)

- ***'if we suffer with Him' (17):*** The cross must precede the crown! - Philippians 1:29; Luke 24:26; Hebrews 2:9; 1 Peter 1:11; Matthew 16:24; 1 Peter 4:13; 5:1, 10

What kinds of suffering?

All kinds in a fallen world: *'this present time'* (18; 2 Corinthians 11:23-28)

The suffering of ongoing *struggles with sin* (23; 7:24)

The suffering of *ignorance in trouble* (26)

The suffering of *waiting and longing* (23, 25)

The suffering of *tribulation* (35) = strong outward pressure and affliction

The suffering of *distress* (35) = the 'narrow place' of inward affliction, especially due to perplexity

The suffering of *persecution* (35) = suffering because we are Christians and/or for doing what is right; 'harassment by the ungodly' (Calvin)

The suffering of *famine* (35) = lacking food; hunger

The suffering of *nakedness* (35) = lacking clothes (last two: lacking basic necessities)

The suffering of *peril* (35) = being at risk of loss and being in danger

The suffering of the *sword* (35) = capital punishment; death; martyrdom

- ***'For Your sake we are being put to death all day long' (36):*** The context is Psalm 44 in which believers are 'perplexed about inexplicable suffering' (Leon Morris). – Psalm 44:17-26; Job 1:6-12; John 9:1-3; Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 13:7; 2 Corinthians 4:15; Ephesians 1:22; 5:20; Acts 14:18-22
- ***'we overwhelmingly conquer' (37):*** 'A conqueror was a person who defeats the enemy. One who is more than a conqueror causes the enemy to become a helper.' – William Hendriksen – Matthew 5:10-11; Job 42:1-6; James 1:2; James 5:7-11

Application

- Do you believe it is realistic to 'count it all joy' and 'rejoice always'?
- Are you willing to wait on God to give you all the things that will truly satisfy your soul?
- Do you believe that the Father knows *how* to give good gifts to His children? Even when it involves suffering?
- Are you trusting God's Word of love to you above all your experiences?