

# REDEMPTION CHURCH

## Romans 8 | Week 12: *Nothing Can Separate Us*

### ROMANS 8:38-39<sup>NLT</sup>

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*And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup>No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### JOHN 11:25-26

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*"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?'"*

### 1 JOHN 1:9

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*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

This week, we conclude our Romans 8 series. In the last two verses (38-39), Paul makes every effort to ensure that we know and understand that **"Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord..."**

*"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* **Romans 8:38-39**

### What must we see in this passage?

#### Question 1: What is Paul's confidence in his conclusion?

*"For I am sure..."* There is **no** doubt or confusion about the matter. Not a question of *what if*, it is a certain conclusion. We're to be beyond confident. Because we're prone to doubt, Paul builds a rock-solid case that we're to be as sure as we are about death, taxes ...and more roundabouts!

#### Question 2: What can **NOT** separate us from God's love?

**A. Death:** It's natural to think that death may be the end, but the power of the cross neutralized Satan's greatest weapon. Our promise of eternal life defeats death. See John 11:25-26.

**B. Life:** How could *life* separate us from His love? Many feel this now. We're alive and think we've been separated from it.

#### Three ways this happens:

- **Our shame:** We often feel our lowest on the other side of sin and think, *"Surely, I've lost His love—there can't be more for me."* What are we to think in those moments? Has our shame won? It hasn't! Paul started his case in Romans 8:1, *"There is therefore now no condemnation..."* Understand the difference between conviction and shame. If no longer condemned, there IS, therefore, love. His grace > our sin = So dwell in it!
- **Our consistent sin:** Do we hold on to the fact that we've sinned *too much*? Is our past weighing us down? Simply confess, and we are free! Some people know they have eternal life but never imagine they can have a good life and walk in freedom here because of their sins. Confession is a simple path; take it! Hate and run from sin, but don't give it more power! See 1 John 1:9.
- **Our misunderstanding of love:** Have you ever wondered if God loved you? Have you ever asked, *"God, why is this happening? Don't you love me?"* Love is defined by what God's done/said, not by what we desire or prefer. Life might separate us from *people, ease, worldly desires, or external peace*, but it cannot separate us from God's love.

## EPHESIANS 6:12

*"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."*

## COLOSSIANS 2:15

*"He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him."*

## PHILIPPIANS 3:14

*"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."*

## JOHN 10:27-28

*"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."*

## DISCUSS

1. If you are in Christ, how sure are you that nothing has/will/can separate you from the Father's love?
2. When are you most prone or tempted to doubt His love for you? How is your heart reassured from what we've read and studied?
3. How can our confidence in His promise and operating out of His unfailing love impact the lost in our spheres of influence?

**C. Angels, rulers, and powers:** No supernatural power (good or bad) can trick/destroy/discredit our faith. What's Paul getting at? If we're afraid of spiritual beings or think we can be controlled/manipulated/destroyed by them, then we need to understand that they are real, and there is a battle, but we have weapons, and Jesus has disarmed the enemy. See Eph 6:12; Col 2:15.

We can be afraid in the proper context: We're facing an enemy. We have weapons, but the enemy has been disarmed.

**D. Nor things present, nor things to come:** There's no timestamp on God's love. It doesn't go in and out or run down to empty. We're not just waiting to be exposed before it'll be gone. See Phil 3:14.

**E. Nor height, nor depth:** No high or low in life can take His love from us.

**F. Nor anything else in all creation:** Not **Anything**. We can't even separate ourselves from His love. We may try, but we can't. Don't play the "Ya, but..." Game! See [Ephesians 2:4-9](#).

### Question 3: How are we to respond to this knowledge?

**Be sure of genuine faith.** Often, those who are most confident they can't be separated from God's love should be concerned; likewise, those who have worried most should be assured.

Like verse 1, this promise is only for those in Christ Jesus. There is eternal separation for those who are not in Christ –let your heart break for them.

Understand how God's love manifests genuine faith:

- It calls us to hear His voice and follow Him. See Jn 10:27-28.
- It calls us to a holy fear and respect for Him, *"I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me."* Jeremiah 32:40

**Count on God's love.** We can be assured that we will face tribulation, be persecuted, and be attacked by the enemy. We may become separated from our families and not have an easy life or good health, but we can be confident that no matter what life throws out, His love will never end –it is absolutely and eternally certain. **God loves you. God loves You. God loves YOU!**

*"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."* Zephaniah 3:17

**#3: Operate out of God's love.** This chapter's emotional conclusion asks, *"Do you understand the great value of God's love?"* It's as if Paul is asking, *"Are you in?"* *Knowing what you know now, all of this, are you in?"*

We understand that we may have it all taken away from us, that the world will be against us, and that satan may try and sift us. *Ya, but...* God loves us! The neverending love of Christ compels, motivates, and moves us forward to confession, repentance, freedom, and becoming a living sacrifice. See [Psalm 136:1-9; 23-26](#); [Romans 12:1-2](#).