

Sunday, 26 August 2007
Romans 8:35-39

Rom 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For Your sake we are killed all the day long. We are counted as sheep of slaughter." But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

His love is more than efficient.

So often in life, our circumstances feel as if they are slowly but surely destroying us. We feel so powerless against everything that is making us negative and without hope for the future. We find ourselves in a pit, and see no way to get out again. We pray, but feel as if God is simply too far to hear our prayers. Do you know this feeling? Does it seem if God is just too far away from you to hear your call? We all know this feeling.

If you are currently feeling like this, then this scripture is maybe just intended for you. In this scripture we see that the life of a Christian is not always an easy one. "*For Your sake, we are killed all day long.*" Yes, for being a Christian, these people were killed. They had to die for their faith in Christ. Their lives were not seen as worth more than that of a sheep. They also knew fear, and hurting.

But we are also getting some form of encouragement from this scripture. God will be with us, and He will not allow anything to separate us from Him, or His love for us. No, regardless of what may be going on around us, if we hold on to Christ, and the promises in His word, we will "*more than conquer through Him who loved us.*" Yes, it is true that Satan is not pleased with us when we follow Christ, and that He will try his best to bring us to a fall. He will tempt us, and he will make our lives unbearable at times, for his aim is to discourage us, and thus make us turn away from God. And so it will happen that we may at times experience that we are alone, and feel as if God is so far away, but let us not allow Satan to deceive us. In this scripture we read that "nothing" can separate us from the love of Christ. No demons, no man, nothing ever created. God's love for us is so big that nothing can get around it.

So, when you feel like everything is getting to much to handle, and the pain and pressure is getting you down, remember that nothing can change the fact that Christ's love for you is a constant. Nothing can take it away from you. Hold on to your faith, and never stop praying, for God truly will hear every word you speak to Him. Remember, our faith is not based on a "good feeling" We don't just serve God because we like to be on a spiritual "high". If that is our reason for wanting to be a Christian, we might be serving God for the wrong reasons. Our faith is not suppose to be linked to our feelings, but it should be a steadfast trust in our Saviour who promised never to forsake us, regardless of persecution, pain and suffering. God is with you, as He promised. Let us thank Him for this, and never stop believing it.

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