

Romans 8 - Part I

Introduction

Though we have seen the Holy Spirit behind the scenes in Chapters 1-7, we now see Him central to all the subjects under discussion. This revelation is so eye opening that it is almost startling to our minds. Jesus taught us that He, the Spirit, would be our guide into all truth. Interestingly, He would not speak of Himself. He would show us Jesus. We have looked at the life of Jesus and were amazed at the beauty of it. God wants our lives to model after Jesus' life. The blessed Holy Spirit will help this to become a reality to us in this chapter 8 of Romans.

Verse 1. *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

Because of the gracious work of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross and the love of God for us, we now have no condemnation facing us, neither in the judgments to come. It is a profound, even amazing fact that Jesus bore all the judgment which was against us. It cost Jesus His life and the Father His Son. Some say the original sentence in the Greek ends with the words "Christ Jesus".

Verse 2. *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

This law of the Spirit of life in Christ is the offering of the body of Jesus, a substitute for our sins. The Spirit is acting as a law of life delivering us from the law of sin and death. We had no ability to counter act this dreadful law of sin, but the Holy Spirit gave us the victorious life of Christ which could deliver us. It is of utmost importance that the believer realize it is the Spirit that is in us giving the power and direction to be free from the power of sin and death. This "law of life" is Jesus' own life imparted to us.

A law is a principle which is of God and becomes a part of us just as our breath.. The law of sin and death had power over us, but the law of the Spirit of life in Christ is infinitely more powerful. The Spirit is engaged in us making practical the deliverance promised in Chapters 6-7 of Romans. One great element of deliverance is that we are free from the power of sin - by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ.

Verse 3. *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*

Romans 7:11 teaches that the law is holy, just and good. It is a picture of what God wants for His people. However, the people could not do the things required by the law; thus, making the law weak because there was a dependance on the people to perform the law. What the law could not do, the Grace of God could and did by sending His Son. Jesus, being the perfect sacrifice, was able to condemn sin in the flesh.

The word "condemn" means to give judgment against. This was the sin that Adam passed to us. Out of this sin comes the committed sins, the daily sins. It is because of this judgment on sin at the cross, in Christ, that we now can reckon ourselves dead to sin. This was God dealing with sin as connected with the flesh. This is where our history with Adam ended and our history with the second Adam begins. It is here where

- **2 Corinthians 5:21** *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

is made very clear and we are made the righteousness of God in Him. Also this makes clear how Christ identified Himself with us. This is God dealing with sin judicially; putting away sin.

- **Hebrews 10:26.** For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

Remember, this judgment on sin in the flesh makes it so that we can reckon ourselves dead to it. When we get our glorified bodies, there will be no more need to reckon. Believing this judgment of sin in the flesh is where our ability to walk in the spirit is based. Though this sin has the judgment of God upon it, it has not been removed.

- **2 Corinthians 5:4** *For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon that mortality might be swallowed up of life.*

Verse 4. *That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

The result of the judgment of God on sin, Verse 3, is the righteousness of the law fulfilled in us. Thus we have

- **Ephesians 1:4**-*According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.*

Verse 5. *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.*

“After the Flesh”: the word “after” has the thought of down towards a thing or according to.

- See **Ephesians 2:2-3** *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

All who are not born again are of this class of people, without God in this present world.

- See **John 3:6-7** *That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. “Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.*

The fruit or results of *after the Spirit* can be seen in :

- **Galatians 5:22-23** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

Those that are after the Spirit think on these things and are born of the Spirit.

Verse 6. *For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

Those who are minded after the flesh are seeking death; those who are minded after the Spirit are seeking life. Nothing is more clear than this. We are wise if we seek after the things of the Spirit. See:

- **Colossians 3:1-2** *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

Verse 7. *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*

Enmity: the meaning is enemy, hatred, adversary and opposed to. Every human being has this mind until they are born again and receive a new life. This old Adamic thinking cannot be taught, trained, dressed up to be spiritual ; we must be born again.

Verse 8. *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

All are in the flesh unless they have received the life of Christ.

- See: **John 1:4** *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

Though some in the flesh become religious they still cannot please God.

- See: **John 6:63** *It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

Verse 9. *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

The great mark of a true Christian is that the Spirit of God dwells in Him. If we have not the Spirit of Christ, we are not Christian, neither are we sons of God.

- See: **1 John 3:24** *And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.*

It seems the Spirit of God, or the Spirit of Christ are both speaking of the Holy Spirit. The product of both are the same. There exists an issue which has been around throughout the whole of this dispensation; Some do not receive the doctrine of being filled with the Holy Spirit with the manifestation of tongues and various other gifts of the Spirit.

We must remember that if a person is genuinely born again it is by the Spirit. Therefore it is true that all Christians have the Spirit. However, for those who reject the subsequent filling of the Spirit, there is a great missing out on the power to follow the Lord.

Verse 10 *And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

If Christ is in us, we are born again. We are part of the family of God, and enjoy the benefits of being in God's family. One of the important benefits is 'the body is dead as regards sin.' This does not mean we do not sin, but it means we don't have to sin. The unsaved one do not have the ability not to sin. We do.

"The Spirit is life." This is the Holy Spirit joined to our Spirit, causing our spirit to live with regard to righteousness. This means we can communicate with God, we can enjoy spiritual interaction with each other.

Verse 11 *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

We are now brought into the truths of the doctrine of the Spirit in our lives. It was by the Spirit that Christ was raised from the dead, realizing that Christ had put Himself into the care of His Father. He said, "Father into Thy hands I commend my Spirit." It is this same Spirit that dwells in us.

- **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

This Spirit will quicken our mortal bodies.

- **2 Corinthians 12:10** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

We believe also that this quickening will extend to our resurrection or translation .

- **1 Corinthians 15:51-52** Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Verse 12. *Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.*

Not to be debtors to the flesh means we owe nothing to the flesh to follow its' desires and lusts. We are now joined to Christ, our connection to the first Adam broken by the work of Christ at the cross. Christ condemned sin in the flesh. Therefore, we have no debt to the flesh.

Verse 13 *For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*

The wages of sin is death. However, through the blessed Spirit living in us, we can mortify the deeds of the body.

- **Romans 6:17** *But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.*

Verse 14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

To be led or guided by the Spirit requires the surrender of our wills to God. This giving up of ourselves represents our acceptance of the transcendence of God and His right and ability to guide us in the way of His spirit. This submission to God is not a crushing of the faculty which God gave us naturally.

- **Galatians 5:18** *But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

But these faculties must be brought under the control of the Spirit. To walk so as to be led of the Spirit is a choice which pleases God and brings great joy to us. It is only too obvious that the unwillingness on the part of many to submit to this control of the Spirit is a walking in the flesh. This conscious desire to be led of God is the work of God's Spirit and is to be a serious influence to our lives.

Verse 15 *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

We are learning that our obedience to God's Spirit is not bondage. It is law keeping or self effort that leads to bondage. What we have received from God is the Spirit of Sonship. This Spirit of Sonship is a

deep source of joy and peace. This stands in contrast to the bondage of law keeping. It is a constant source of joy whereby we cry Abba, Father.

Note: This cry comes from deep within us. This is not an intellectual experience but a deep response to our heavenly Father.

Verse 16 *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

We can see that these verses are teaching us that God wants to touch our spirit. In fact, He desires to join Himself to our spirit in a deep and practical way. This becomes an important reason to receive the Holy Spirit into our lives, because He witnesses to our sonship, that is, our relationship to our Father. I speak of the receiving the spirit as a separate work from salvation

Verse 17 *And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

Every child of God is an heir. "Child" in this place is "born-ones." In verse 14, He uses 'sons', referring to adult sons. Both belong to God and are sons, but "born ones" is emphasizing our being begotten of God through His word, by His spirit, and are partakers of His nature. Therefore, we are heirs of all that God has. This is a fact of such importance that we tend not to grasp it. The young ruler said to Jesus, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Just think, we are heirs of God by simply believing.

Joint heirs: We said of the child of God that he is an heir of God by birth. However, that is not the case with being joint-heirs. We become joint-heirs only by suffering with Christ. Jesus has been appointed heir of all things. This great prospect is being offered to us if we are willing to suffer with Him.

We can see that being glorified together with Him depends on our suffering with Him. The connection between Christ and His people is evident here. It is also seen in

- **2 Timothy 2:11-12** *It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, He also will deny us:*
- **Revelation 3:21** *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*

We know there are many good men who hold differing views on this subject. It is not our desire to contend with any of them. We have held this wonderful doctrine for many decades and we offer it to all who will receive.

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Verse 18 *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

Paul had come to the place in his experience with God that he could say of his sufferings that they were not worthy to be compared with the glory to be revealed in us. To be able to do this, he had to have come into God's perspective for his life. That is why he could say "I count not my life dear unto myself."

- **2 Corinthians 4:17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

In this reference, he is able to say 'light afflictions.' The glory in this verse is the same as in verse 17. That glory that is to be revealed in us is so vastly different as the king of a great country compared with the lowest servant. Yet every person in heaven will be fully and perfectly happy.

- **Hebrews 11:35-40** *Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; 36 and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38 (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground. 39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.*

Verse 19 *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

This glory we have been discussing is called the manifestation of the sons of God in verse 19. The whole Kingdom of God is expecting and waiting for the arrival and glory of the overcomers in heaven. Verse 17 says we will be glorified together with Christ.

- **Philippians 2:9-11** For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The world knows nothing of all this blessedness that God has prepared for those who love Him, even the trees will clap their hands, the rocks and hills will sing for joy when God shows us what is prepared for us.

Verse 20 *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

Vanity, here, is looking back to the Garden of Eden where God cursed the ground for Adam's sake. In toil and sweat would men work for something to eat. God had a plan for the earth and the people on it. That plan had in it great hope.

Verse 21 *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

The future blessing of the children of God is called the glorious liberty. The whole earth will at that time be delivered from the bondage of corruption of the sin and fall of Adam. If men could only see what is in store for them, they would turn loose of the things of the world as if it were a red hot iron.

Verse 22 *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

When Adam sinned, it effected everything God had made except heaven itself. We see all around us the cries of pain, desperation, hopelessness, the seemingly endless wars, and the killing of Christians in the Name of God. There is darkness all around us and we are to be lights in a dark world.

- **Acts 26:18** *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

We must be aware that there is only one answer to this darkness and corruption and that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are the messengers whom God is sending.

Verse 23 *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

The Christian is not immune from the darkness and evil that is all around him. The devil is the god of this world, and he knows he has but a short time, so he is working 24/7 to defeat the Christians. All around us we see Christians taken up with the world. They are not a good testimony for the Lord.

- **Acts 1:8** *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole world, to show Himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. When our hearts are right before God, the Spirit will assist us, even show us how to pray for this darkness that is all around us.

We are waiting for the redemption of our bodies. That will be a wonderful time; but we must occupy until He comes.

- **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** *And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

Verse 24 *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?*

This hope is a very strong emotion that is in us. It is the gift of God. It comes to us as we read and hear God's word. This hope drives us to share it with those in darkness.

- **2 Peter 1:21** *For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

Verse 25 *But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.*

When this hope is strong within us, there is need of patience to wait for the One we have been hoping for.

Verse 26 *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

'Likewise' is connecting this verse with verse 23.

'Helps our infirmities' = the meaning of *infirmities* is weaknesses. The blessed Spirit so joins Himself to us to help us express to our Father the cries of our hearts to Him. We don't know what to pray for as we should. We see here one of the great teachings of scripture. The Holy Spirit comes along side those whose hearts are right with God and ready to receive the instruction of the Spirit.

- **2 Chronicles 15:1-2** *Now the Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded, 2and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: the LORD is with you when you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you*

Asa's heart was right and ready. Only a few of God's people are willing to prepare their hearts to enter into the kind of intercession needed in our day.

- **Jeremiah 29:12-13** *Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.*

Verse 27 *And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

God searches our hearts and He knows the mind of the Spirit who is helping those who are ready to humble themselves to this kind of help in prayer.

- **Matthew 16:24-25** *Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. 25"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.*

Not everyone is willing to lose their lives so as to intercede for God's people as we should. The Spirit knows how to intercede and wants to teach us, if we are willing.

Verse 28 *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

'We know': This verse introduces us to another source of consolation. Verse 26 gave us a very important source of guidance and comfort. Verse 28 is teaching us that all things 'work together' for our good. 'All things' are circumstances of every kind; trials, afflictions, persecutions, things avoidable and unavoidable.

- **Psalm 119:67** *Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.*

This vast resource is for those who love God. When someone loves God, they put Him first in their lives and allow Him free course to work in them in any manner He chooses.

“Them who are called.” Let’s look at the next verse in connection to this.

Verse 29 *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

God has a specific purpose in this calling for His people. That is, that they all would be conformed to the image of Christ. This being conformed to the image of Christ is for all who were foreknown by God. This is called being predestinated.

Verse 30 *Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

Who were predestinated? Those who love God (Verse 28). To what were they predestinated? to be conformed to the image of Christ. Verse 28 tells us that ‘called’ is an invitation or a welcome. The calling in Verse 30 is with a personal object in mind, or with a designation or vocation. This calling belongs to eternity past. In the mind of God, we are seen as having been foreknown, then predestinated. In this also we are called; then the same are justified, then glorified. All of this is in Christ and was accomplished before we came into being. None of this is yet manifested; in fact, Christ is not yet manifested as He will be soon. We must see all this as coming out of the transcendent God. These truths show us the great sovereign God as one who loves us and has us always before Him, always in His mind and seeing us as a finished product. Remember our being in the mind of God is unalterable because we are in Christ. Nothing in time or eternity to come can change this or alter in any way what God has planned for us.

Verse 31 *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

Therefore if God be for us, who can be against us. To doubt these things would be to deny them. God in His great wisdom and knowledge sees all of us as a finished product-even to glorification. All these things are being applied to whosoever will. God has opened the door of salvation and said “whosoever will.”

- **John 3:33** *He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.*

Spurgeon once said that “God chose me before I was born; for He never would have chosen me afterwards.”

Verse 32 *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

“Spared not His own Son.” This is the proof that this is the God who is for us. This shows the infinite price of our redemption and the immeasurable love of God.

“delivered Him up.” This is the same word used in Romans 4:25 “delivered” for our offenses.

“freely give us all things.” We are justified freely by His grace.

Verse 33 *Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*

Look at **Romans 9:11** “For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth.” The purpose of

God, according to election, stands not of works. Just as sure as righteousness is not of works, no neither is election.

“God justifies.” - The emphasis here is on God. We are righteous because of God’s free gift. God is the judge, there is no other court. Satan may condemn, but our judge says, “There is no condemnation.”

Verse 34 *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

Our God has established our position and no one can lay any charge to us. Note the four pillars of our position in Christ:

- (1) It is Christ that died.
- (2) Christ is risen.
- (3) Christ is at the right hand of God
- (4) Christ makes intercession for us.

What a powerful position for us to stand upon.

Verse 35 *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

‘Who shall separate us?’ The point here is ‘who.’ We believe this to be the devil. But he doesn’t come to us as a snake or with a pitch fork. He uses all the experiences of verse 35 above. There are seven troubles listed that are intended to represent the full spectrum of trials that the Christian faces.

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| Tribulation: | Pressure, tight places, narrowness, afflictions, distress. |
| Distress: | To crowd into a narrow place; to be straightened, not able to turn self around. |
| Persecution: | Pursuit as of enemies, to drive out. |
| Famine: | Want of food, hunger, failure. |
| Peril: | Danger, risk, hazard, to agitate. |
| Sword: | A knife, slaughter knife |

When any of these trials begin to stress us, we let our guard down. The devil takes advantage of us while we are in these troubles with the idea of defeating us. We must allow the Love of Christ to sustain us.

Verse 36 *As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*

In this verse, we are presented with the condition that is now and has been: God’s people experiencing persecution. That comes from preaching the Gospel. Jesus said it would be this way. Some make effort to avoid the suffering part. However, we need to accept this condition and willingly offer ourselves a living sacrifice.

- **1 Corinthians 4:9** *For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.*

Verse 37 *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

There is a place of rest and peace in the midst of the experiences of this way of suffering. Not only is it a place of complete contentment but also of conquerors (victory beyond measure). Even while facing this condition, we are able to say God is right. He knows what He is doing.

- **Acts 20:24** *But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.*

Verse 38 *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,*

Verse 39 *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.*

“I am persuaded.” This is a heavy word, deeper than the intellect. It doesn’t occur quickly. We give consent to being persuaded by the Lord. This attitude is the key to Paul being able to be more than conquerors in Christ Jesus. The question at issue here is ‘can anything separate us from the Love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **Jeremiah 32:17** *Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:*

Consider the following conditions that we find in this verse:

Death - is a final state. There is no more believing, no more working, hoping, or any other human effort or ability. Yet the love of God is faithful, and will take my hand in the resurrection and lead me forth at just the right time and in the correct rank.

- **Hebrews 2:14** *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*

Life - is much more difficult than death. Life with its’ uncertainties, disappointments, physical limitations and pains. But just as death could not separate us from the love of God, neither can the things of life separate us.

Angels - Though these are heavenly beings and have great power, there are even some evil angels. None of them has the power to separate us from the love of God.

Principalities - These are established, ordered government in the heavenlies both good and bad. The good have the job of protecting God’s people. The bad are set to defeat the Christian and to lead the unsaved into eternity without God.

Powers - These can be of God, angels, or even the devil. When these powers are being manifested, people tend to be drawn to it. This, of course, is the thing Paul is warning against assuring us that none of these can separate us from the love of God.

- **1 Corinthians 15:24** Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Things present - this has reference to natural calamities and persecutions, especially on the national scale. these things tend to frighten people, but we are being assured of God's love.

Things to Come - This is especially in regards to the things of the end times. Signs in the heavens, earthquakes, even the trouble we all see with today's terrorism.

Height - This is also referring to unusual things; those rogue nations attempting to dominate with us of nuclear weapons.

Depth - This is expressing a fear of things such as extreme poverty, deep depression, major illnesses; the thought being of that which can bring us down.

Other Creatures - Some created thing, even evil things done by terrorist.

The love of Christ is stronger than any of these things and is able to keep us in any circumstance.