Romans 8:35-39

MORE THAN CONQUERORS IN GOD'S LOVE

- I. The struggle.
 - A. The struggle consists of the devil's attacks against God's elect by his use of: temptations, tribulations, distress, persecution, peril, sword, death, life, fallen angels, powers, things present and things to come.
 - B. The object of the struggle is to destroy God's elect spiritually so they think that God has or will stop loving them.
 - 1. Note that this is not about our love for God, i.e., whether we will stop loving God.
 - 2. Rather the question is whether God's love endures all our sins, as well as the trials, assaults, and tribulations.
- II. In the face of all these difficulties, we are to be persuaded of something which is contrary to our feelings and all efforts.
 - A. To be "persuaded" is to have reached a settled and confident conclusion after much consideration.
 - B. This settled conclusion was brought about by the evidence God set before Paul and me.
 - C. That about which Paul and I are persuaded is that nothing can "separate us from the love of God which is in Christ."
 - 1. God's love is the power of God's favorable attitude to the unlovable and unlovely which is effectively changes us so that in Christ we are lovely.
 - 2. Consider the activity of God's love.
- III. The wonderful result is that we are "more than conquerors" (not just a conqueror).
 - A. Nothing, in life or death, is able to separate us from God's abiding, unconditional love in Christ.
 - B. The idea is that we are hyper-conquerors (literal) and completely victorious, so the result was never in doubt.
 - C. Let us look above the opposition and the battle and see God, His love, and then see the power, the unconditional nature, and the eternity of His love.