

## Can't Take Away His Love

**Romans 8:38-39** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **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.

In this verse Paul lists all the possible things that cannot separate us from the love of Christ. He lists a succession of extreme opposites: height or depth, length or breadth, things present or things to come. By listing the extremes, he means to include everything else. He also mentions “neither death nor life.” By life he means all the experiences of life. If you know Jesus, you are absolutely secure in your position, no matter what happens to you in this life. They may take away your wealth, your health, your happiness, your friends, your influence, your job, and everything you have worked for, but they, whether friends or foes, can never take Jesus away from you. You are saved in His love forever. God’s love is secure despite the discouragements of life. God loves us like He loves the son. **John 17:23** **I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.**

### 1. Death Can't

- A.** For us believers in Christ, death is a race. One fact is that some of us will reach the finish line before others. In this case it is not the fastest, nor the strongest, but those whom God has chosen to have more time in heaven. We must remember that death can't take away the power of His love. The love of God is stronger than death.
- B.** We can answer these questions about death:
  - Can cancer separate us from the love of God? No.
  - Can Alzheimer's separate us from the love of God? No.
  - Can a sudden accident separate us from the love of God? No.
  - Can a drunken driver separate us from the love of God? No.
  - Can a drive-by shooting separate us from the love of God? No.
  - Can a heart attack separate us from the love of God? No.
  - Can a stroke separate us from the love of God? No.
  - Can a strange infection separate us from the love of God? No.
- C.** **John 5:24** **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**
- D.** **Romans 5:21** **That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### 2. Life Can't

- A.** No matter how difficult our circumstances, how discouraging our defeats, how frustrating our days may be, how badly we may be mistreated—nothing in this life can separate us from the love of God. When in this life we have made some bad choices or perhaps someone else has caused pain that you can't seem to forget, the love of God is still there.
- B.** A person might say, “you don't know what I have done”, God knows and he still sent His son to die for you. **Rom 5:6-8** **For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth (demonstrates) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

- C. Luke 15:11-13** And he said, A certain man had two sons: **12** And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. **13** And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.
- D.** *"Here in this lovely home, a home in which there was everything in the world that the heart of man could want—love, joy, fellowship, comforts—this younger boy does a very strange thing. He says, 'I'm tired of the discipline. I don't like it here. I'd like to stretch my wings. I've been looking over the pasture, and the grass over in the other field looks to me like it's lots greener.'" And I do not know why that's true, but to you and me the grass in the next pasture always looks greener. The boy looked out from home and said, "If I could only get away off yonder on my own, it would be wonderful." He didn't like it at home; he fell out with his father and lost fellowship with him. And so the father gave to him his living, and the boy left with his pockets full of money—which he did not earn with work that he'd done himself. Every bit that came to him, his father had given to him. He didn't get it by his ability, he didn't get it because he was clever, and he didn't get it because he had worked hard. The money he had in his pocket was there because he had a very generous father. And so the boy starts out for the far country.*
- This boy found out what it was to have what the world calls a good time. He made all of the nightclubs; he knew cafe society; he had money. And when you have money, you can get fair-weather friends. For a time he lived it up. He enjoyed the pleasures of sin for a season there in the far country. You paint your own picture there. Our Lord didn't put in any details of what the boy did. But we can well imagine some of the things that he did. However, there did come a day when he'd finished living it up; he reached into his pocket and there wasn't anything left. The boy found, after going from place to place, that he didn't have any real friends in the far country."* J Vernon McGee
- E. Luke 15:15-16** And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. **16** And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.
- F.** He ended up by going out to the edge of town where there was a man who was raising pigs, and you could smell it a mile away. Times were hard and the man said I can't pay you but you can eat what you find. I hope none of us have ever been where this man found himself. Alone and on one seemed to care, reduced to the point where he was eating pig food.
- When we are at the bottom of the barrel, end of our rope, can't stand no more, this is the time when we start looking up. There is no other place to look but to God. We see the evidence of His love and care everywhere we look in His creation. We remember the father cares and He loves us.
- G. Luke 15:18-19** I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, **19** And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
- H.** The son was beaten, he thought he would find comfort and satisfaction in the world's ways, but he found little lasting comfort. When the world was through with him they cast him aside, looking for another that had money, good looks, connections. Then later after that individual had been used up they would be cast aside too. That is the way of the world. It will never change unless some allow God to change them.
- I. Luke 15:20-24** And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. **21** And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. **22** But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: **23** And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: **24** For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

- J. The fathers love did not change! Every day he went to the road out of town and looked to see if his son was coming back. He had to be standing on that road for him to see his son afar off.

You can't hide from the Fathers love. It still goes on even when we have moved into the pig pen. It never changes, the world is always changing but God's love never changes. When this world is all gone still God's love will still be there.

- K. **Isaiah 49:15-16 Can a woman forget her suckling child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. 16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.**