

Blessings in the House

Who Shall Separate Us

A Weekly Devotional Message for the Family

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(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? (36) As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. (37) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. (38) 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.”

The apostle Paul had a great love for God. Nothing was able to separate this love from his heart. In Paul's second letter to the church of Corinth, he writes in the 11th chapter about the many times he suffered for preaching the gospel. Paul writes about being put in prison often, five beatings where he received 39 lashes, 3 times he was beat with rods, once stoned to death, plus the many times when he was in dangerous situations as he traveled (2 Cor. 11:23-28). And after all of that, he writes and said that nothing was going to separate him from the love of God. Let us take a closer look into the love of God, and how we can obtain this great love.

God's Great Love

(Jer 31:3) “The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.”

(Eph 2:4) “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.”

(1 John 3:16) “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us...”

The Love of God In Us

To love the Lord is the greatest commandment. (*Mark 12:29-30*) “*And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: (30) And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.*”

We can love the Lord with all of our hearts. Let us follow these three steps, and then we will be able to say that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God.

Step One

Let Christ dwell in your heart.

(*Eph.3:17-19*) “*That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, (18) May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; (19) And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*”

As we allow Christ to dwell in our hearts, then we will be rooted and grounded in His love. His presence in our life helps us to understand His great love.

Step Two

Walk in Love.

“*And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour*” (*Eph. 5:2*). This love that we have, we do not just show it when we are in church, but every day and everywhere. When we walk on the streets, we show the love of God to others.

Step Three

Put on Love.

(*Col. 3:14*) “*And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.*”

(*Phil 4:8*) “*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*”

We are to clothe ourselves with love. Let this be the outer garment, the

robe, the mark of our dignity and distinction.

Then after we do these three steps, then keep the love of God in your heart. Do not let anything separate us from the love of God. No matter what happens to us, we will keep the love of God.

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