

The Certainty of Perfect Love

Romans 8:35-39

I. The love of Christ is _____ than every _____. (35-37)

1. Hypothetical separators (35-36)
2. Believers as “_____” in Christ. (37)

II. The love of Christ is _____ than every _____. (38-39)

1. We can be _____ of His love.
2. We stand _____ in His love.

Reflection / Discussion

1. There are lots of details and examples in this passage given the lists in the text. Which details in this text most encourage you and how would you use them to practically renew your mind or shepherd your own heart in the midst of difficulty?
2. Do you ever struggle to believe in God’s love for you? Why? What biblical passages / truths help you to think through these issues accurately?
3. How should this unstoppable love impact how we live? How we relate to God? To others?
4. Believers’ theology of suffering will impact how we face trials. It’s good for us to develop a theology of trials *before* we are in the middle of a storm.
 - Look again at Rom 8:38; 5:3-4; James 1:2-4
 - What important truths frame your theology of disappointment / suffering?
5. What are some of the reasons for suffering in this life? (Consider Rom 8:22-24; 1 Pet 1:6-7; 4:12-14; 2 Cor 1:3-7; 4:16-18; 12:7-10; Heb 12:5-11; Ja 1:2-4; Ps 119:67-75) Do we need to know the exact reason for suffering – why / why not? What role does the body of Christ play in the believer’s suffering?