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People in this world can go day by day feeling distant, disconnected, and separated from God. They may even hear or read that God loves them, but still feel unworthy and unlovable. I was one of those people. I yearned to know God and to have His love, yet I felt separated from Him. I didn't live each day with the realization and fulfillment that God loves me and with the confidence that nothing can ever take His love away from me. In the Book of Romans, God listed several categories of things that might seem as if they could separate us from His love; but no matter the circumstances we cannot be separated.

The Apostle Paul here has the boldness to say that he was persuaded, convinced, that none of these things could separate us, including himself, from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.

*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, 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.*

When we read these scriptures, we might ask, how do we get persuaded, or convinced, of this in our own hearts and lives? How can we get to the place to boldly live our lives knowing that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God?

For me this happened once I became a son of God, filled with the gift of holy spirit, and learned and believed what God accomplished for me by way of His Son, Jesus Christ. When we confess and believe the truths in Romans 10:9 and become God's sons, we are born again and we receive the love of God Himself. This love is a gift to man, and as such it is spiritual.

*II Timothy 1:7:*

*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

*Romans 5:5:*

*And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost [holy spirit] which is given unto us.*

God's nature of love is shed abroad, poured out, in our hearts by holy spirit at the time of the new birth. We can no more be separated from His love than we can be separated from the innate attributes of our physical parents. But it's up to us to believe that we have what God says we have and to become persuaded, convinced, that He means what He says in His Word when He says that...

- neither death, nor life—nothing in this world, not even death, can separate us;
- nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers—not the rulers of darkness or anything in the spirit world can separate us;
- nor things present, nor things to come—there is no dimension in time that will separate us;
- nor height, nor depth—there is no dimension in space that will separate us;
- nor any other creature—nothing else in all creation shall be able to separate us

...from the love of God.

God makes it clear in His Word that nothing can separate us from His love. He doesn't want us to wonder or doubt; He wants us to know and be convinced of this truth.

Once we are born-again sons of God, it's up to us to become persuaded in our own minds to believe God's Word and act accordingly. When we claim this truth that nothing can separate us from God's love, we will be able to walk boldly in life knowing that God and His love are always with us. When we know and believe that nothing can ever separate us from God's love, we can break the chains of fear, we can demolish the thoughts of lack and need, and we can walk convinced of His love with every breath we take and every step we make.

*I John 3:1:*

*Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God....*

So let's live each day fulfilled and confident because we know that no matter what, we can claim the truths of God's powerful Word and bask in the love of our heavenly Father! Nothing can separate us from God's love!

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