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Am I Persuaded?  
Romans 8:38-39

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We have seen Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
We saw Him as a best friend and a just God who will bring justice to the world one day.  
We saw Him as an heir of all that God has and He shares all of that with us, His children.

Today,

We end by asking the question, "Am I Persuaded?"

I fear I already know the answer for some, but I will let each one answer for themselves.

Note;

To be persuaded is to be caused to do something.

Question:

Have you been persuaded that Jesus paid for your sins?

Are you persuaded that, of all your friends He is the best friend?

Have you been persuaded enough to believe that He will come to judge the living and the dead?

If so,

What has it caused you to do?

In our last two meetings together, we saw two groups of people:

One group without Christ, who will be judged for their sins.

The other group, who has Christ, will share in His inheritance.

Why are their two groups?

Wouldn't it be great if we were all in the group that shares in what Christ has? But it is not so and it cannot be so.

*Ps 11:7 For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; The upright will behold His face.*

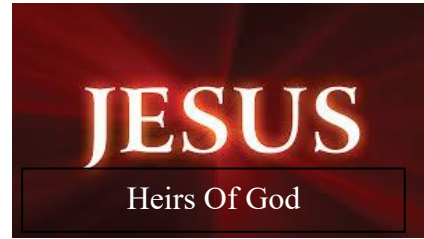
The reason He loves that second group of people, the heirs, is because they possess His righteousness.

So He loves them and they will behold His face.

Yet;

*He desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. I Tim 2:4*

So whether these things have persuaded you enough to react to them or not, there is one thing you truly must be convinced of.



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**Rom 8:38** *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, v.39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Paul lists 10 things which encompass just about all of life.

As we go through this list, ask yourself, am I truly persuaded or convinced that God's love is still with me in each and any of these things.

### **1. Death** – the earthly separation

Death is a mystery, as is life. Our knowledge is limited, but thankfully the Scriptures tell us to "be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

When this door closes, it actually opens into another room. We leave the rental cottage and move into our house.

Jesus said;

*In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.*

*"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. Jn 14:2-3*

There is no separation from God's love.

### **2. Life** – everything concerning the living

What concerns the living?

- Friendships and loneliness
- Riches and poverty
- Day and night
- Marriage and divorce
- Health and sickness

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### **3. Angels** fallen and elect

Angels are messengers.

Elect angels are messengers of God.

Fallen angels are messengers of Satan.

These Satanic messengers can bring negative news to the heart of the believer in Christ, but God's love is there to erase the ink.

This is why we take the "shield of faith"; to extinguish the fiery arrows of the evil ones.

Those negative thoughts that impress you to:

- Think negatively

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- Be anxious
- Hurt yourself
- Give up
- Many more

In this:

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### **4. Principalities** – higher ranking angels

Can also apply to civil rulers of human government. The injustice of man.

### **5. Things present** – everything today

These are the details of everyday life.

- Conflicts
- Misunderstandings
- Corrections
- Loneliness
- Disciplines
- Flat tires
- Especially Christian persecution

Many more

In these:

There is no separation from God's love.

### **6. Future things** - that which hasn't happened yet

Have you ever worried about that which hasn't happened yet!

Here is what some people said about the future:

"The problem with the future is that the future is not what it used to be."

Charles Kettering said;

"My interest is in the future because I'm going to spend the rest of my life there."

Finally, someone said;

"The future is that time when you'll wish you had done what you aren't doing now."

But in the future;

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### **7. Powers** – which should have been placed after angels and principalities.

They are also either civil magistrates or angelic beings of a higher rank.

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### **8. Height** – elevated place, a high thing

Simply put, anything above you; from the ground up.

Paul has been saying everywhere you look. Look:

- Around you
- Spiritual realm
- Up to the highest heaven

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### **9. Depth** – *bathos* – the deep

After you looked up into space, look down into the deepest ocean.

Perhaps even the depths of your life.

Your lowest:

- Circumstances
- Deepest depressions
- Spiritual poverty
- Overwhelming adversity
- Your cast down soul

David even said to himself;

*Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God. Ps 42:11*

Because he knew:

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### **10. Any other created thing** – everything in creation

Paul is saying, did I leave anything out? Well then, this will finish it.

*(nothing) will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

That's the key to this binding love; to be "in Christ."

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Like we said earlier;

*He desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. I Tim 2:4*

Because all are not saved.

Those that are saved, are "in Christ" and can never be separated from God's love.

Those who are not yet saved, have the opportunity right now to find security in this love.