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## Who Shall Separate Us From The Love Of Christ? Romans 8:35-39

- ❖ There are many Christians, for some reason or the other, leaving the church.
- ❖ There are people out there who like to major on the negative, but I want to encourage you to stay with the Lord.
- ❖ Do not stick around negative folks because they will pull you down.
- ❖ Find some folks who think positive, folks that can find some good in every bad situation.
- ❖ Folks that will be able to say with the assurance, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. – Phil. 4:13
- ❖ Paul asks the question, Who or what can separate us from the love of God.
  - Will it be tribulation? We are talking about undergoing struggle, trials, temptations, suffering or affliction
  - Will it be distress? We are talking about to suffer anguish, trouble, strain, agony, not knowing which way to turn or what to do.
  - Will it be persecution? It means to be abused, mocked, ridiculed, shamed, mistreated, ignored, neglected, harassed, attacked, or injured.
  - Will it be famine? It is to have no food, to be starving, and have no way to secure food.
  - Will it be nakedness? It means, to be stripped of all clothes, having all earthly possessions taken away, to be bare to have nothing
  - Will it be peril? Peril means to be exposed to the most severe risks, to be confronted with the most terrible dangers to one's body, property, family and loved ones.
  - Will it be the sword? To be killed or suffer.
- ❖ While you are in the world, you are going to suffer. – Vs 36
- ❖ Stay with the Lord, do not give up. Why? – Vs 37
- ❖ Because of God's love for me, he was persuaded, he was convinced that nothing could separate the believer from the love of God

**I wonder how many here today will say, I am going to stay with the Lord; I am going to follow the Lord no matter how things might appear to be.**