

The Relentless Love of God

Getting to the heart of the gospel



What to look for today...

The character of God's love toward us:

■ How may we describe this love?

■ God's love is:



The Character of God's Love

- **Why does God love us?**
 - “God loves us because Christ died for us,” OR
 - “Christ died for us because God loved us”

- **It's one thing to say “I love you”...it's another thing to prove it.**
 - How has God “proved” his love toward us?



The Character of God's Love

- **How has God “proved” his love toward us?**
 - Rom 5:1 ...having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 - Rom 5:8 ...God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
 - Rom 6:23 ...the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 - Rom 8:1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
 - Rom 8:26 ...the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;
 - Rom 8:28 ...And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.



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- The question in v. 35 is not
“Does God love me?”

- Rather, the question is
“Could anything happen to change the fact
that God loves you?”



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- v. 35: who will separate us from Christ's love?

- The "Separators"
 - Tribulation
 - Distress
 - Persecution
 - Famine
 - Nakedness
 - Peril
 - Sword

- In other words, *is our negative experience evidence that God no longer loves us?*



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- The answer to “who will separate us from Christ’s love?”: v. 38-39

- *Nothing* can separate us
 - What kind of love is this?

- The character of God’s love: **SECURE**



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- **Two more considerations**
 - Consider Paul's life
 - Consider Psalm 23

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□ Psalm 23:6

“Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

□ chesed

- NASB – “lovingkindness”
- NET – “faithfulness”
- KJV/NKJ – “mercy”
- NIV – “love”
- God's covenant, loyal love

□ radaph

- Ps 23:6 – “will follow”
- Gen 14:15 – “pursue”
- Exod 14:4 – “chase”
- Deut 30:7 – “persecute”
- 1 Sam 26:20 – “hunt”



The Character of God's Love

- God's love toward us is:
 - SECURE
 - RELENTLESS



Application?

□ The Father's secure love

- The freedom of the children of God

□ The Father's relentless love

- Whatever seems to be overtaking us...God is the ultimate pursuer and lover of your soul.