

## ROMANS—PART 60

### Romans 8:35-39

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1. 8:35 I cannot know the love of Christ until I know Him as Savior (1 John 4:19).
2. 8:35 Christ's love for me will never be separated from me. It is not dependent upon my ability to sustain it.
3. 8:35 God does not shelter us from struggles. We need them for our spiritual growth and for our testimony to others (Romans 8:28).
4. 8:35 What might trials look like:
  - Tribulation—Most often used of outward difficulties, but also of emotional stress; speaks of intense adversity (lost relationships, lost jobs, lost finances, lost health)
  - Distress—Primary idea of strict confinement, of being helplessly hemmed in without options, no place to turn
  - Persecution—Biblically, speaking of the affliction suffered for the sake of Christ Jesus
  - Famine/Nakedness—Not nudity, but being so destitute that you cannot clothe yourself or your family; carries the idea of being vulnerable; result of being culturally ostracized or discriminated against for Jesus
5. 8:35 Perseverance does not keep salvation safe, but is evidence that salvation is safe.
6. 8:36-37 Christians endure trials for His sake for His purposes. He will not desert you.
7. 8:37 Those who overwhelmingly conquer are supremely victorious in overcoming everyone and everything that threatens their relationship to Jesus. But they do so entirely through His power, the power of Him who loved us so much that He gave His life for us that we might have life in Him.

