

God's Love is Greater

ROMANS 8:31-39

Love During Christmas?

- ▶ Christmas is a time of family. However, is it also a time of love? It should be...
- ▶ Why is love & Christmas goes together? And what is so unique about God's love? (Rom. 5:6-8)
- ▶ If love is an essential part of Christmas, why we as a society has lost sight of it? How do we bring love back to Christmas?
- ▶ First, a deeper understanding of love is needed



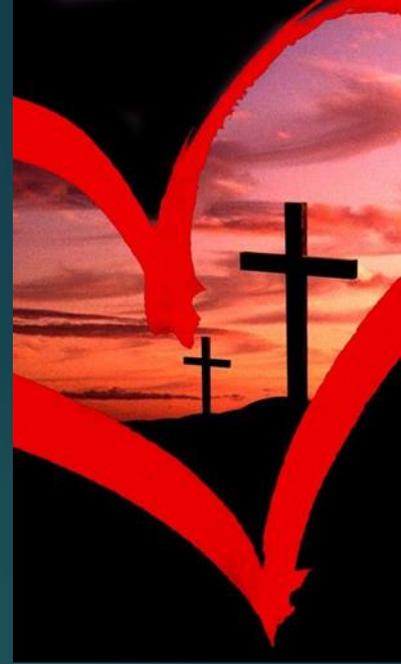
1. His Love Is Greater Than Our Enemies

- ▶ (Rom. 8:31) If you somehow disagree with this truth, it is either you think **something** is greater than God, or God is **not for** you
- ▶ (Psalm 135:5) Seriously, who is greater than God? He is the King of kings (1 Tim. 6:15) your enemy may be terrible, but God is **greater** (Psa. 86:8)
- ▶ (Gen. 15:1) God is your **shield**, and wings (Psa. 57:1) He is both strong enough and broad enough to protect you from your enemies

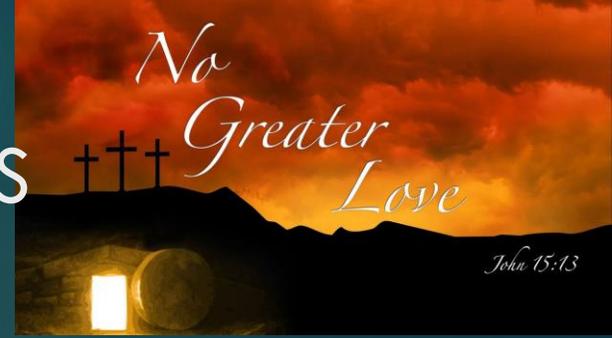


2. His Love Is Greater Than All Other Blessings

- ▶ (8:32) No doubt that God is **for** us, the cross has demonstrate that (Rom. 5:6-8)
- ▶ Sadly, we doubt the care of God from time to time, as if His love is not great enough for us
- ▶ Which blessing are we lacking? (Eph. 1:3) are we sure? (2 Peter 1:3)
- ▶ When we embrace God's love daily we will embrace all His blessings (John 15:12-17)



3. His Love Is Greater Than All Our Sins (8:33-34)



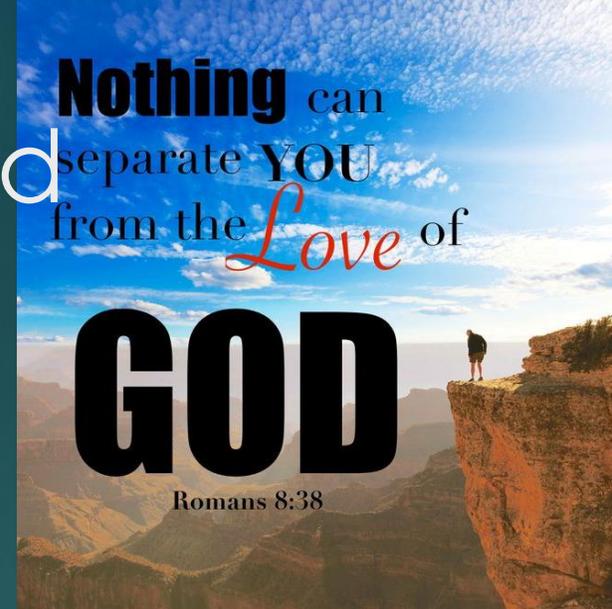
- ▶ I don't know what you have done, as I have no idea what Paul meant here (1 Tim. 1:14-16) All I know for certain is that God's **grace & mercy** (love) is greater
- ▶ (Isa. 54:9-10) His **steadfast love** is greater than His anger toward you (see Psa. 103:11-13)
- ▶ (Rom. 3:23-26) some may not understand the theology, but more often you may just remember your sins instead of God's promises (Rom. 8:1)

4. His Love Is Greater Than All Our Experiences

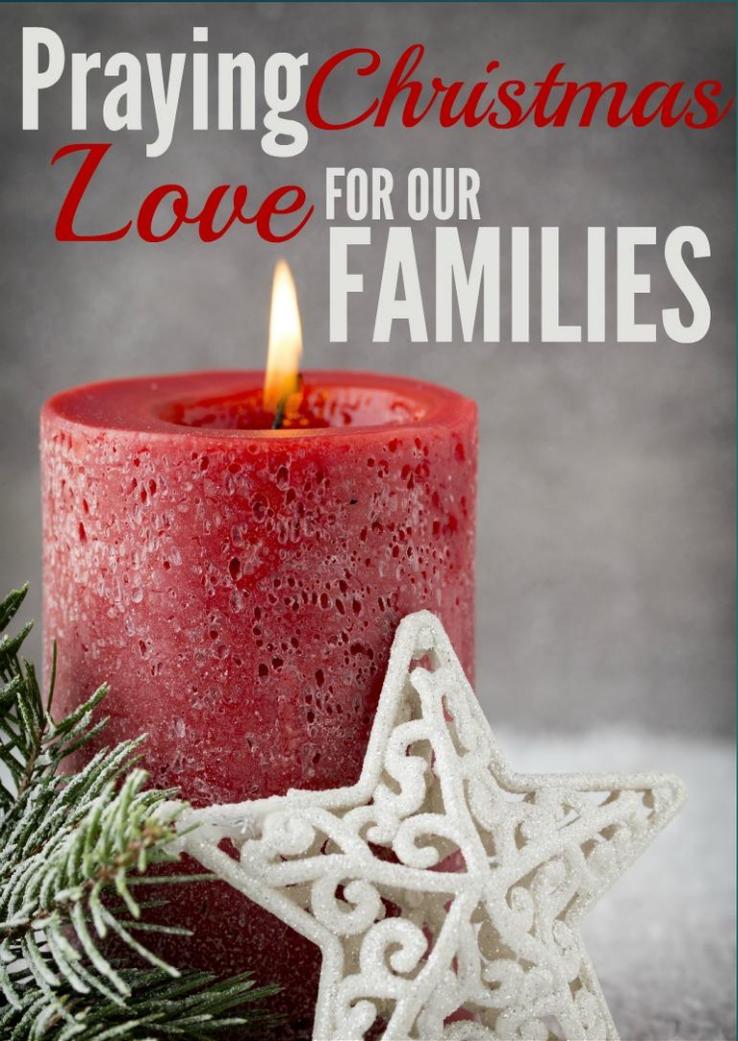
- ▶ (v.35-37) of course this is rhetorical. Then why Paul asked the Roman church? (and us too)
- ▶ The **opposite** is often the case, that we experience even more love of God in these tough times (2 Cor. 12:9-10)
- ▶ Such experiences, no matter how bad they are, have no power in stopping God from loving us and showing His love to us. Paul was pointing out the obvious, because we need to **remember** the obvious in such a time and reach out to God's love

5. His Love is Greater Than All Created Things (8:38-39)

- ▶ What is importing to you? What truly **terrified** you in the middle of the night? What are something that you cannot live without?
- ▶ Whatever those things may be, God's love is greater, because **God is greater** and **you are His** (Psalm 100:3; 1 Peter 2:9)
- ▶ You are in Christ and nothing can separated you from Christ. (Titus 3:4-7, John 10:27-29)



Christmas & Love



- ▶ Of all 4 Advents of Christmas, **Love** is the greatest (1 Cor. 13:13) Because we are celebrating the birth of Jesus, the one that loves us enough to **come** to us and **die** for us
- ▶ God's love is greater than our enemies (v.31)
- ▶ Greater than all other blessings (v.32)
- ▶ Greater than all our sins (v.33-34)
- ▶ Greater than all our experiences (v.35-37)
- ▶ And greater than all created things (v.38-39)