

## Volume 6, Day 8: ~~Comfortable~~ Victory

When Paul talks about separation from the love of God, he is referring to the 'non-spiritual' things that are likely to separate us from the love of God. Nearly everything we do which is not within the confines of our quiet, alone place with God tends to distract us from the love of God and His purposes for our lives. From God's perspective, nothing can wedge between us and His love. It flows incessantly and in torrents. However, our love for Him is often blocked by our own distractions or human loves which exceed our love for God.

The foundation of our Christian faith is the unconditional, unmerited, fathomless, incomprehensible love of God. This was indelibly etched in human history by the exhibition of Jesus' brutalized, abused, shamefully displayed body on a criminal's cross outside of Jerusalem. This is a love we never can or will merit. It is only ours by the grace (unmerited favor) which is a by-product of God's extraordinary love for us.

The manner in which we are 'more than conquerors' is that we not only achieve victory over sin and death, but also the super-victory of joy in the very circumstances which would otherwise overwhelm us with distress, anxiety and fear. The waves which the surfer seeks distress the casual swimmers.

In the same sense, the super-joy of surfing through our tribulations, distresses, persecutions without any of those negative sensations is the very victory that Jesus says, "overcomes the world," that is the natural human response. Thus, we are more than conquerors through Him in all these things, not in spite of them, but in the middle of the messiness and stress. The joy of the LORD is only, ever experienced by the saint in tribulation! The experiences of life, terrible or monotonous, are impotent to touch the love of God, which is in Jesus Christ!

My Confirming Scriptures:

My Aligning Experiences: