

GOD'S LOVE IS CERTAIN!

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For the past couple of months now, I have been the designated person to do the errands for my family, so I carefully plan and schedule my trips which includes a complete list of things to buy and places to visit. It brings me joy and a sense of fulfillment whenever I get to tick everything from the list. But as some of you know and have probably experienced, that is not always the case. Every trip outside the house can be full of uncertainties. Will the traffic be horrendous? Will I be able to go back home as scheduled? Will I be able to get good parking space? Will I be able to buy all the items on my grocery list? The reality is our life is full of uncertainties. We do not know and we do not have control of what can and will happen. Will we still wake up tomorrow? Will we experience good weather today? Will I still have work in the next few months? Will my health improve or deteriorate? Will the challenge that I am presently facing ever end? And the list goes on. Every day is uncertain but in the midst of all these, God's love is certain!

I was reminded of this beautiful truth as I listen to a familiar Sunday school song called "Absolutely Nothing." The lyrics read -

*What can take your love away?
Nothin', nothin', absolutely
nothin'.
What can make us separate?
Nothin', nothin', absolutely
nothin'.*

*In death or in life,
What's deep or what's high,
There's one thing that stays the
same.
No power or king, can do
anything
To take your love away.*

*Nothin', nothin', absolutely nothin'
Nothin', nothin', absolutely
nothin'!*

These lyrics were inspired by the last two verses of Romans 8:38-39.

"³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8 started with a declaration that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus and closes with another declaration that there is no separation from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

These words were beautifully written by the apostle Paul, the contrasting pairs and opposite extremes, allow us to see and all the more appreciate the truth about God and His love. That neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God, no supernatural powers can separate us from the love of God, nothing in time and space can separate us from the love of God, nothing in the present nor future can separate us from the love of God, nothing high nor low can separate us from the love of God, no other created thing not even ourselves can separate us from the love of God!

What a reminder. What an encouragement. What an assurance.

No matter where you are, whatever challenges, fears or uncertainties you face, may you take comfort, strength and security in the fact that God loves you and that will never change. Hold on to God, hold on to His love, and hold on to His truth. He will always be there with us and for us.

Remember that God's love is certain and nothing, absolutely nothing can separate us from His love!✱