

Thanksgiving for the Love of God

Message Summary: Can anyone really comprehend *unconditional* love? Perhaps the love that parents have for their children is the closest to unconditional love from a human point of view. But life's circumstances certainly can challenge the idea that God loves us unconditionally. We've all heard about God's love, we've sung about it, and we've affirmed it with our "Amen's!" The book of Romans moves us into a fixed and secure confession that no matter what life can throw at us; we need never doubt God's love for us. God loves you and you should confess to being His favorite person of all time.

Jesus loves you - But I'm His favorite

Romans 8:35-39

1. The Truth we have (vv. 35, 37, 39)

Romans 5:5-- *"The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit."*
Romans 5:8-- *"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

2. The Truth threatened by circumstances (vv. 35-36)

3. The Truth settled in our heart (v. 37-39)

Philippians 3:13 – *"...one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead."*

LifeGroup Questions: To be shared with family & friends.

BEGIN IT (5min) – Time spent in praise and opening prayer.

OPEN IT (10min) – How have you experienced God's never-ending love in your life?

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Read Romans 8:35-39 and review Sunday's sermon outline together as a group. Stop at each point allowing people to share their additional comments or notes taken while listening to the sermon. Now answer these questions:

1. How can we be sure God loves us?
2. What gives Christians confidence as they go through hard times?
3. In vv.35-39 what possible tragedies or hardships are unable to separate us from the Love of Christ?
4. How can our negative thoughts of the past keep us from experiencing God's love?
5. What is God's intention and plan for each Christian?

APPLY IT (15min) – In what situations do you need God's conquering power of love?