

Chapter 13

I AM PERSUADED....

101 *BECAUSE NOTHING IN THE BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS LIFE NOR ANYTHING IN THEIR DEATH, REGARDLESS OF HOW IT COMES, SHALL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE THEM FROM THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE BODY OF CHRIST. Rom. 8:38*

“I am persuaded, that neither DEATH, nor LIFE, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

If you are persuaded that the born again can lose their salvation “this persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.” (Gal. 5:8) Paul was “persuaded by the Lord Jesus Christ” to the contrary, and there is no higher persuasion! (Rom. 14:14) God gave Paul such “an abundance of revelation” the Lord knew Paul would become puffed up with pride as a result.” (Gal. 2:6, 2 Cor. 12:7) Paul’s treasury of knowledge persuaded him that:

“neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creation can separate”

believers from God’s love in Christ. So, let’s probe deeper into these ten items, because Jesus became irritated with his disciples when they did not add one and one together for themselves. (Mark 12:26-27)

Since “death” cannot separate the born again from Christ, what is death? “Know ye not” that death is the wages of sin? (Rom. 6:23) Paul is informing you, the redeemed, that the wages of your sins can no longer separate you from God, who is love. Alarmed? You shouldn’t be. Because your sins have been washed away, and no new sins can be imputed i.e., charged against you, since you are not under the Law. For:

“Sin is not imputed (charged against you) when there is no law.” (Rom. 5:13)

Since, sin is the breaking of the Law, those who are not under the law cannot break it, to have one new sin imputed (charged) to their record. (Rom. 4:8)

Many seminary trained pastors are reluctant to dispense such knowledge for fear their congregations would run amuck and turn the grace of our God into a license to sin instead of in service to God. (2 Pet. 2:6, Gal. 5:13) Consequently, many Christians are ignorant that sin is not being charged against them. According to Romans 4:8, Christians are the ones “whom the Lord will not impute sin,” because they are not under the law. For “where there is no law there is no

transgression,” i.e. sin. (Rom. 4:15) For “sin is not imputed (charged against you) when there is no law.” (Rom. 5:13)

Next Paul wrote that death cannot separate the born again from God’s love, and the ramifications of his bold statement are startling, for isn’t suicide death? Well, isn’t it? Many people after having accepted Jesus Christ as their savior have been duped into believing that God no longer loved them because they could not keep his commandments. Through their lack of knowledge, “Satan got the advantage” over them by stealing their confidence toward God, killing their faith in Christ’s redemptive work. His theft caused them to destroy their own lives by killing themselves believing that “there was no help for them in God.” Now, “of a truth,” there would be no better reason for someone to discontinue living, for if you knew for a certainty that God did not love you, for then you “would be of all men most miserable.”

Though Satan has deceived many babes in Christ into taking their natural lives, not one of them destroyed the eternal life of Christ in them, in the process, which “lives and abides forever.” (1 Pet. 1:23) When a believer take their natural life in the flesh, the Father still keeps their eternal life in the Spirit where he has always kept it, “hid with Christ in God.” (Col. 3:3-4) Hallelujah! The father keeps our souls preserved “perfected forever,” until our manifestation as his sons. (Job 15:15, Jude 1:1)

Today, discouragement and depression plague many Christians. If you are a believer who struggles with suicidal tendencies, the Word of God screams to you the same as it screamed at a suicidal man in the New Testament, “Do thyself no harm!” (Acts 16:27-28) God loves you, and Christ needs you! Find a church-home of believers who love you and the Lord too. Then, “forsake not the assembling of yourselves together,” so you may be able to comprehend with other saints “the love of Christ which passeth knowledge,” and envelopes your soul. (Heb. 10:25) You must do as David did when he was alone, dismayed, misunderstood, and struggling against despair. David “encouraged himself in the Lord his God,” and so must you! (1 Sam. 30:6) Satan wants you out of this world, so your testimony of the God’s salvation will be silenced. Satan even tried to talk Jesus into courting suicide, but Jesus drove him away with the sword of the Spirit, and so must you! (Matt. 4:6) Resist the Devil with the Word of God in faith, and he will flee from you! God loved you when you were his enemy, how much more does he love you now since he gave birth to the treasure in your “earthen vessel” his precious son called “Christ in you” your hope of Glory. You have been adopted into the family of God. Now hear this! According to the Scriptures of truth, God loves you as much as he love his first begotten Son, Jesus Christ! Read it for yourself in John 17:23. Nevertheless, Paul’s claim let us know that a believer’s death, no matter how it comes, cannot separate him or her from the love of God which in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:38)

Not only is there not anything in our death which can separate you from God’s great love. This Scripture goes as far as to courageously state that there is nothing in your “life” which can separate you either. This is mind blowing because there are many things in your life which you are to “put off,” renounce, correct, abolish and abstain from. Yet, there is “nothing” in any born again believer’s life which can separate them from God’s love in Christ. However, be not deceived God is not mocked. Whatsoever your old man soweth that’s what your natural man can reap, up to and including death, though your soul is saved to the uttermost! (The thief on the cross again should come to mind.) If you are buffeted for your own faults, you wreak havoc on your natural life which will result in unhappiness and/or death. Exercise yourself unto godliness, and watch the blessing of the Lord overtake you. Nevertheless, the Word declares there is nothing in your life or death which can separate your soul from the God of our salvation’s love.

Because, as far as God is concerned, since the new birth, “Christ is our life.” (Col. 3:4) Hence, our life is sinless because “Christ who is our life,” our sinless life, before God, faultless, unblameable, and unrepovable in his sight. (Col. 1:22, Jude 1:24)

102 *BECAUSE THERE IS NO ANGEL, PRINCIPALITY, OR ANY POWER THAT IS ABLE TO SEPARATE THE BORN AGAIN FROM THE BODY OF CHRIST. Rom. 8:38*

“I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor ANGELS, nor PRINCIPALITIES, nor POWERS, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Paul published that none of Satan’s legions of “ANGELS” can loose one saved soul from the body of Christ. Not even the “anointed cherub,” himself, who once hovered over the mercy seat of God in heaven, as Lucifer, cannot rob God of one blood-washed saint. Neither can his presiding “PRINCIPALITIES” of darkness seize the weakest saint, because God has structured his plan of salvation “to the intent that the PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS may know by the church [the saved] that “the manifold wisdom of God” in salvation cannot be overthrown. (Eph. 3:10-11) As it is written, there is no wisdom or counsel against the Lord. (Prov. 21:30) None of the fallen angelic principalities can prevail against us. Prevailing principalities cannot separate us from salvation:

Not the prince of devils: Beelzebub,
Neither the prince of the power of the air
Nor the prince of darkness, Satan himself
Nor the Prince of Persia (Iraq) the demon spirit
that resisted Daniel

cannot separate the born again from the love of God in Christ.

Next Paul was persuaded that there are “no powers” that can separate believers from Christ. Think about the enormity of this claim that no “POWER” can separate a believer from Christ. This includes:

the prince of the power of the air: Satan
the power of darkness,
the power of the tongue,
the power of sin.

Paul let the born again know that not even the power of their tongue can make them a candidate for hell again. The Scripture states that there is no power that can separate the redeemed from the God of their salvation’s love in Christ. Many Christians believe “the power of sin” can separate the born again from their salvation, but the Scriptures makes liars out of them. (Prov. 30:26) As pertaining to “the power of sin,” i.e. sins strenght, Jesus Christ “abolished” it by “taking it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.” (Col. 2:14) Remember, the strength (power) of sin is the law. (1 Cor. 15:56) Recall that “without the law (sin’s strength) sin is dead,” rendered

powerless against you, by the cross to which it was nailed. So much for “the power of sin” voiding your salvation. (1 Cor. 15:56) The Bible states that:

“The powers that be are ordained of God,”

and God has not ordained a power yet which can disannul “the power of an endless life” in the born again believer! Yet, many believers foolishly think that the power of the flesh has the ability and power to disannul their salvation, when Jesus, by his own admission, told us “the flesh is weak,” not powerful. (Mark 14:38) Again, “the powers which be are ordained of God, and God has not ordained (commissioned) a power yet which can abolish “the power of an endless life” of Christ in the redeemed! Read it for yourself, Paul wrote, there is no power which can separate the born again from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. “Believest thou this?”

103 *BECAUSE THERE IS NO THING PRESENT OR ANYTHING IN THE FUTURE OF A BORN AGAIN BELIEVER THAT IS ABLE TO SEPARATE THE BORN AGAIN FROM CHRIST. Rom. 8:38*

“I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, NOR THINGS PRESENT, NOR THINGS TO COME, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

This may alarm some and offend others, but Paul wrote “no things present” can separate a believer’s soul from God’s salvation. You can see, the ramifications of this Scripture is startling, because this includes:

- 1) our will which is present. (Rom. 7:18)
- 2) our old man is also present. (Eph. 4:22)
- 3) evil is present with us. (Rom. 7:21)
- 4) this present evil world. (Gal. 1:4)
- 5) your present enemy the devil. (James 4:7)
- 6) sin is present with you. (Rom. 7:17)
- 7) your present carnal mind in the natural. (Rom. 8:36)

In spite of all these things present, the Word of God shouts that “no things present” can separate your soul from the God of your salvation’s grasp and fling you under his wrath!

Ironically, none of the category’s that Paul featured are particularly comfortable subjects, least of all the category of “of things to come.” Here Paul is essentially telling you, the born again, that there is nothing in your future that can separate you from God, who is love. There is not a sin, fault, transgression, error, iniquity, offense, or shortcoming in your future “which shall be able” to separate you from God’s love bestowed on you as his child at your salvation. Neither is there anything in the *heights* of heaven, including the spiritual wickedness in *high places*, nor in the *depths* of earth, including the bowells of hell itself, **NOR ANY OTHER CREATION**, this

blankets anything that God has or will bring into existence, regardless of what it is it, shall not be able to separate the redeemed from the love of God in Christ. (Prov. 25:3)

I hope you are persuaded with Paul that nothing shall be able to separate the born again from the love of God, which is inside Christ Jesus our Lord. Nevertheless, be fully persuaded in your own mind. The mind of Christ!

Though sin falls under the category of:

Death i.e. (sin wages)
Things present
Things to come,
And any other creation

Why didn't Paul come right out and list sin? Can it be that sin can separate the born again from the God of their salvation's love? Beloved, Paul, did not list sin for the simple fact that he couldn't. Jesus Christ took sin out of the way of the born again, that's why Paul didn't list it, because by the death, blood, and resurrection of Jesus Christ it is no longer there to list. For not only did Christ "take away the sin of the world, he also pulled its teeth. For the Bible states that:

"without the law (sin's strength) sin is dead." (Rom. 7:8)

When Jesus nailed, the law of Commandments to his cross the power of sin was "slain," "abolished," and "taken out of the way" being crucified with Christ. (Col. 2:14, Eph. 2:15-16) Born again believers cannot be separated by something that is void. Is it not written that Jesus "was made manifest to take away our sins? At his crucifixion, Jesus Christ took the power of sin (the law) "out of our way" because it "was against us and contrary to us nailing it to his cross." Therefore, according to Scripture "sin is dead" being without the law which is why Paul did not list it because sin no longer exist for the born again believer, because Jesus took the power of sin out of our way when he "abolished the law of commandments" on his cross, as it is written:

"Where there is no law sin, there is **no sin.**" (Rom. 4:15)

How much sin? "No sin." And, believers the believer's life is where there is no law (sin's strength) and that place is "in Christ in God" being saved by grace. (Col. 3:3-3, Rom. 4:5) The lost are under God's wrath, for God is angry with the wicked each day, whereas the saved are under God's grace sheltered by the Father's love which no one can separate them from. Paul did not list sin because our sins have been washed away and never to be remembered against us again forever. For as far as the east is from the west that is as far that he has removed our transgressions from us. Like the east and the west our sins have been forever removed. (Psalms 103:12)

FYI: Legalists will point an accusatory finger at you and say, "The Bible states:

"If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth not in us." (1 John 1:8)

Nevertheless, I submit to you that if you have sin, you are lost and the truth, Christ Jesus, is not in you! Plain and simple either Jesus has taken away your sin, and you have none, or you have sin and are counted guilty of every sin in the book. Now, what's it going to be?

IF YOU COULD LOSE YOUR ETERNAL SALVATION, ETERNAL REDEMPTION, OR ETERNAL LIFE THEN:

- The Holy Spirit would be forfeited to the kingdom of darkness.
- Christ must renounce his Word of never leaving or forsaking us. (Heb. 13:5)
- Your righteousness, Jesus Christ, would have to become unrighteousness.
- The Godhead that swore upon itself regarding this promise would self-destruct.
- Your surety, Jesus Christ, would have to suffer in hell in your place.
- The gates of hell did indeed prevail against “the church which is his body.”
- Christ must return to his grave, so you can remain “yet in your sins.”
- Satan’s forces will taunt God of being unable to deliver on his promised salvation.
- The blood did lose its power and was overcome by your sins.
- Either you or Satan is holding the keys of hell and the second death.
- Sons of God are casting out sons of God and the kingdom of God cannot stand.
- One less worthy than the lamb can cast off the Holy Spirit’s seal of promise.
- “That great shepherd of the sheep” wasn’t that great or that good.
- The whosoever in John 3:16 did not really mean whosoever.
- Salvation is based on new behavior and not on the new birth of Christ in us.
- Salvation depends on conduct and not solely on faith in Christ’s resurrection.
- God owes Cain an apology.
- The writer of Hebrews lied by writing we were perfected forever by Christ’s offering his body on the cross.
- Christ really did not obtain eternal redemption (forgiveness of sins) for us.
- Christ does leave and forsake us after all if we leave or forsake him.
- Christ does have corruption in him, since we, the redeemed, are preserved in him.
- Sin is still being imputed (charged) to the born again.
- The annulled power of sin disannulled the power of God that kept us saved.
- You kept yourself saved rather than “Christ the power of God” doing so.
- You can shoo Christ out of you as you would a fly from your presence.
- Christ did not buy your soul with a price, he only rented it.
- It is by the obedience of more than one that many are made righteous.
- The redeemed are saved by their life instead of being “saved by his life.”
- Human effort provides a key to the gates of heaven.
- The born again are under the curse of having no assurance for their lives.
- It is not Christ, but I “that liveth” after all.
- The eternal life St. John said we had was not eternal after all.
- Christ is the author of temporal probation instead of eternal salvation.
- God’s Word cannot be trusted where it states if we believe not he abides faithful.
- Sheep can renounce their shepherd and he will let them go.

- Human free will trumps the power of God that keeps us saved.
- We are God's master to tell him "get thee hence" and he obeys us. (Lam. 3:37)
- The redeemed's unchangeable priesthood is actually changeable
- Jesus was out of God's will by not keeping all the souls given to him. (John 6:40)
- The Bible is a pack of lies and Satan wins.

The redeemed cannot lose their eternal salvation, eternal redemption, or eternal life. It is a free gift reserved in heaven for the redeemed, while they are being "kept by the power of God" by the finisher of their faith, Jesus Christ.

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