



**God is "for us": if so, "who shall be  
against us?"**

**He is for us,**

**in giving,**

**in justifying,**

**in securing**

**that in all difficulties**

**Nothing shall separate us from His love**



**First, in giving,** "<sup>32</sup>*He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us*":

**Then,** <sup>33</sup>*it is God Himself who justifies.*

**Then,** <sup>34</sup>*"It is Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us."*



**What shall we say to these things?**

***<sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?***

***Shall tribulation,***

***or distress, or persecution,***

***or famine, or nakedness,***

***or peril, or sword?***



So, when the Word says:

**Who shall separate us from His love?**

**The Lord Jesus has considered our whole situation.**

**God has proved Himself for us,**

**First**, in the gift of His own Son

**Second**, in justifying us Himself

**Third**, in the love of Christ



**His immense and unchanging love whose  
grace**

- **planned all,**
- **gave all,**
- **forgave all,**
- **justified all,**
- **sustains all, and**
- **will bring all to that fullness of love  
and joy and glory which can satisfy  
such a God and the redemption of  
such a Savior.**



**Now, it is important for us to see how far we have entered into this love.**

- No doubt His love is there, but when we enter into it is only when we in some measure, enter into His own heavenly sphere

*Colossians 3:1-2 interlinear*

*<sup>1</sup>Since therefore you were raised with Christ the things above keep seeking, where Christ is at the right hand of God sitting.*

*<sup>2</sup>The things above think about, not the things on the earth.*

- But we find that we are often occupied with a great deal that relates to Christ and is also connected with ourselves, and yet that is not Christ.



## Are we not at first occupied with the service of love?

Matthew 9:20-21

*<sup>20</sup>And behold, a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak;*

*<sup>21</sup>for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His garment, I shall get well."*

**She has not gotten to His heart of love but only to His service.**

- Matt 9: *<sup>22</sup>But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well." And at once the woman was made well.*



***<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, " What if Joseph should bear a grudge against us and pay us back in full for all the wrong which we did to him!"***

***<sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father charged before he died, saying,  
<sup>17</sup>'Thus, you shall say to Joseph, "Please forgive, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did you wrong.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.***

***18 Then his brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."***

***19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place?"***

***20 "And as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.***

***21 "So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.***



# THE QUESTIONS

**Shall tribulation?** 37 times this word rendered “tribulation” (thlipsis) **pressure** *Genesis 37:3,5,8,9*

**Shall distress.** This word (**stenochoria**) is rightly translated “**anguish.**” The word means a narrow, cramped place, where one is “in straits.”

*Genesis 39:19-20*

**Or persecution** (diōgmos). Its verb means, “to make to run,” or “to run swiftly to catch.” *Genesis 37:4*

**Famine**—you would think that the Lord of all would ever provide liberally for His saints on the earth.  
**Not always!** *Genesis 41:56-57*



**Or nakedness—Unclothed** This whole part of Romans Eight shows us as partakers with a Christ the world cast out. *Genesis 41:14*

**Or peril—Danger** Paul uses this word. the same word in 1 Corinthians 15:30: “*We stand in jeopardy [peril] every hour.*” *Genesis 40:14-15 ;23-1 Cor.15:13*

**Or sword— (machaira)** *Genesis 37:18*

**But, even in the hour of death, Christ was there:  
they were not separated from His love!**



*<sup>36</sup>Just as it is written, Psalm 44:22 “FOR THY SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.”*

**Great as the blessing is,**

**Great as the dangers are,**

**we are secured to enjoy the one and to get through the others, more than conquerors, by God being for us, through Him that loved us.**



