



Series: Church Still Works
Open the Heart to the Love of God
Romans 8:38-39

- I. “I am persuaded” of God’s love
 - A. He persuaded me with the Old Testament
 - 1. “Let us make man in our own image”

Genesis 1:26 (KJV 1900)

²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

- 2. He established a people
- 3. So He could bring forth a Messiah from a Godly people

Isaiah 9:6 (KJV 1900)

- ⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
And the government shall be upon his shoulder:
And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

- 4. Preserved them until then through occupations and rebellions

- B. He Persuaded me with the New Testament

- 1. “Come to seek and to save that which was lost”

Luke 19:10 (KJV 1900)

¹⁰ For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

- 2. “It is finished!”
- 3. He promises to return
- 4. But taught us how to live until then!
 - The sermon on the Mount
 - The wilderness discourses
 - The rebukes on weak faith
- 5. Sweet salvation is ours
- 6. He prepares a place for us!

- C. He persuaded me with my past

- 1. Nothing worth making
- 2. Nothing worth saving

3. But oh the increase He has brought into my life

II. Nothing can shake us out of His love

A. Life or death

1. Life

- I was bought with a price
- I can't leave His love if I wanted to in this life

2. Death

- He won't lose me in the translation!

B. Powerful things

1. Angels

2. Governments

3. Strong forces

C. Not now, not ever

1. Things present

2. Things to come

D. No circumstances

1. Height

2. Depth

E. No people!

III. We need to be open to that kind of love 1st John 4:8

A. He loves you

1. Because He is love
2. We love Him right back

B. You need to love others the way that He loves you

1. We bring that into the congregation
2. We take it back with us into the world.