

# Pleasant Valley Weekly

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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## I am persuaded...

Have you ever been persuaded? So persuaded that nothing will change your opinion? For example, I am persuaded that I do not like asparagus. After trying it many times, cooked numerous ways I know without a doubt I do not like it. You cannot change my mind.

To be persuaded means to have come to an opinion or determination by argument, advice or reasons suggested. Consider your own faith, what argument, advice, or reasons did you use in determining to follow Jesus? Why is it that you choose to worship here, and not down the street? It is because you are persuaded.

Paul stated that he was persuaded about something very particular- "That nothing can pull us away from the love of God." But what made him so sure? What arguments or reasons did Paul use to be so persuaded about God's love.

In Romans 8, Paul uses a series of test questions as his argument and reasons to why he is persuaded. This morning we look at each of these questions to determine if we can be persuaded as he is.

So, can you state what Paul states?

## I am persuaded...

### \* Persuaded

Influenced or drawn to an opinion or determination by argument, advice or reasons suggested.

### \* What shall we say...If God is for us, who can be against us?

Even though the world is against us, Jesus overcame the world.

### \* Will God not give to us freely all things?

God has given us everything pertaining to godliness. He is a true Father.

### \* Who can bring a charge who can condemn? Is it not God?

It is by the righteous judgment of God.

### \* Who can separate us from the love of Christ? We are more than conquerors.

We will overcome this corruptibility and morality.

### \* So what can separate us from the love of God?

According to Paul nothing external has that power.

### \* Can anything separate us from the love of God?

Doubt

Anxiety

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Only you can separate yourself from God