What's Love Got to Do with It – Everything

Romans 8:38-39

I have been thinking about the love God has for us and the kind of love that we as human beings have for each other. Where does it begin? Initially, the love we have for one another begins with excitement and wonder. In other words, it starts with our senses. It is filled with uncertainty and fear. Love is an emotion everyone seeks and many fear losing or never finding love.

When I consider the nature of love I cannot help but reflect on Tina Turner's classic song, "What's Love Got to Do With It." This song, when the lyrics are listened to, is a testament to the adventure and uncertainty of human love. This song also serves as a stark contrast to the unwavering and unconditional love that God has for us.

The Uncertainty of Human Love

As much as we seek it human love is uncertain. Human love is complex and unpredictable. It is often transactional, a quid pro quo relationship borne out of desire. Love can bring us immense joy and happiness, but it can also come laden with fear and doubt. Tina Turner sings about a love filled with adventure, hope, and uncertainty. She raises the question, "What's Love Got to Do With It?" Not because she does not want love, but because she does not want to get caught up in love's pain due to love lost. So she waves love off for now hoping there will be a sign that tells her this love offers more security and stability than the last one did. This pattern of avoiding pain inserts our fear of getting hurt into the equation, raising the question of whether love has a role in our interactions. This dance is performed and practiced daily in the streets of Chicago and throughout America. In today's relationships "What's Love Got to Do With It?" surfaces more than we realize. What we are doing is questioning the significance of love in our relations.

The Certainty of God's Love

Human love can be influenced by external factors. Human love can change with the circumstances or be withdrawn altogether. Human love is fragile and delicate and broken easily and very difficult to repair. When we contrast the uncertainty of human love with God's love we see a stark difference. **Romans 8:38-39 reminds us of the certainty of God's love. It says, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth**

nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." This passage reassures us that nothing can separate us from God's love. It is an unwavering and unconditional love that surpasses any human understanding.

God's love for us is not based on our performance or worthiness. It is not dependent on our actions or abilities. It is a love that is freely given and never taken away. We can count on God's love in every situation and at every moment of our lives.

Because we live in a world filled with uncertainty and instability, it is comforting to know that we have a love we can trust. God's love is unchanging and unfailing. God's love is a solid foundation upon which we can build our lives. No matter what we may face, we can be confident in the certainty of God's love. It is a love that will never let us down and will always be there to guide and support us.

Blessings,
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