## "I am persuaded"

- **→ Text**: Romans 8:35-39
- ⇒ Intro:
  - o The title of our message comes from v. 38 "I am persuaded".
  - o The word persuaded mean = influenced or drawn to an opinion or determination by argument, advice or reasons suggested; convinced; induced.
  - The Apostle Paul states three times in his epistles that he was personally persuaded about something.
  - o I believe that the Apostle Paul was persuaded or convinced about these things because of his personal relationship that he had with the Lord Jesus and his individual study of the words of God.
    - This merning I want us to look at the three things that Paul was persuaded about that he was firm in his belief about.
- ⇒ I. Nothing Can Separate Us From the Love of Christ Romans 8:38-39
  - o Eternal Security
- ⇒ II. Nothing We Eat (Food) Is Unclean Romans 14:14
  - o See I Timothy 4:4-5
  - o Don't eat if causes a weaker brother to stumble.
- ⇒ III. No Souls Committed To Christ Will Be Lost II Timothy 1:12
  - o Paul was persuaded that the souls that he led to Christ that God could keep them saved.
  - o See 1 Peter 1:5

## **⇒** Conclusion:

- As Christians we should learn from the Apostle Paul's example if we want to be persuaded about the things of God.
- o We must each day work on our individual relationship with Jesus Christ through pray and worship.
- We must trust in the Lord and place our confidence in Him alone and watch the power God work in our lives as Paul did.
- We must spend time each day studying and mediating on the words of God.
  - Allow God to speak to us through His words.
- o Then as the Apostle said we can also say "I am persuaded"