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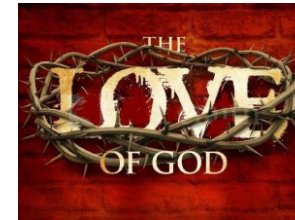
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The Love of God

By Robert Notgrass

Paul said, “*Nay, in all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*” (Romans 8:37). He then catalogues things that cannot affect Christ’s love for us.



The love of God is unaffected by our conditions of life. (Romans 8:38) A “*thorn in the flesh*” does not mean that Christ does not love us. It may best that we have problems so that we may not be “*exalted over much.*” (2 Corinthians 12:7) The grace of God can make perfect our weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9) Even in death Christ has not forsaken us. Death does not affect the soul for which Christ died. In death there is only a change of the condition of the soul from an earthly abode to a spiritual realm.

The love of Good is unaffected by the order of things. (Rom 8:38) “*Neither . . . angels, nor principalities, nor the things present, nor things to come*” will cause Christ to cease loving us. Trials may lead us nearer or away from Christ. Whatever may be our burdens and problems He still loves us.

The love of God is raised above the power of time. Neither things “*present, nor things to come*” will affect the love God for us. His

Upcoming Events...

- Fall Gospel Meeting:** Mike Wilson, November 11-14
Daylight Savings ends; next Sunday; clocks back one hour
Veterans’ Day November 11 (observed on November 12)
Business Meeting: November 18 at 4:30 p.m.
Ladies Bible Class: November 18
Budget preparations for 2018
Thanksgiving Day: November 22
Barnabas Group Meeting: November 27

New Address

McKnight’s new address: 82608 Carrara Court,
Indio, CA 92203

October Birthdays

3 Betty Heitmeyer 28 Allan Brown

November Birthdays

2 Mike Atkins 6 Ashley Tanner 10 Daniel Brown
18 Emilia Letalu 27 Lupita Guzman

November Anniversaries

2 Shannon & Susan Hudson

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

Preacher:
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love is constant. Christ loved us even when we were sinners—that is the reason He died for us.

The love is God is present everywhere. *“Neither height, nor depth . . . shall be able to separate us from the love of God.”* God is and He cares. He is not like a helpless idol nor a sitting Buddha.

It would be wonderful if our love for Christ was as firm as His love for us. God loves us but He hates sin. Sin can separate us from God. It is idle talk to say we love God and do not what He says. *“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.”* (1 John 5:3)

Very “Solid Food”...

Often when reading the commentary of some of the scholars/writers from long ago, we find so much thoughtfulness, wisdom and eloquence in what they have written. Articles like the following will appear occasionally. (Editor, JB)

CHRIST IS THE LOVER OF THE SOUL

Homily by David Thomas
(1813-1894)

(Taken from *Pulpit Commentary* on Revelation)

“To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood” (Revelation 1:5b). Other beings may love the human soul — angels may, saints may — but no one has loved it as Christ has.

He loved it with an **absolutely disinterested love**. Alas! we know but little of disinterested affection. With all our love for each other, there is generally a mixture of selfishness. But Christ had nothing to gain from the human spirit; its damnation would not diminish his blessedness; its salvation would not add to his ineffable bliss. He loved the soul for its own sake, as the offspring of God, endowed with wonderful capabilities, possessing in itself a fountain of influence that would spread indefinitely through all time and space.

He loved it with a **practically self-sacrificing love**. It was not a love that existed merely as an emotion, or that even wrought occasional services; it was a love that led to the sacrifice of Himself. *“He loved us and gave himself for us”*. *“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life.”*

He loved it with an **earnestly forgiving love**. *“When we were enemies Christ died for the ungodly.”* He loved those who were not only out of sympathy with Him, but who were in malignant hostility to Him; and His love was not only such as to incline Him to listen to petitions for pardon, but as inspired Him with an intense longing to forgive His enemies. *“Herein is love.”* Whoever loved like this? Here is a love whose height, depth, length, breadth, passeth all knowledge.

The Bible

Author Unknown

The BOOK contains... the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct us, food to support us, and comfort to cheer us. It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword, and the Christian’s character. Here heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed.

Christ is its grand subject, our God its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill our memory, rule our heart, and guide our feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully, it is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given us in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

“Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.” (Psa. 119:89).