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**“ GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF LOVE “**

**PART 2**

LAST WEEK WE JOHN GAVE US THE FIRST OF THREE FOUNDATIONAL FACTS ABOUT GOD TO ENCOURAGE US TO “ LOVE ONE ANOTHER “

**I. WHAT GOD IS - “ GOD IS LOVE “**

THIS WEEK WE SEE ANOTHER FACT ABOUT GOD THAT SHOULD ENCOURAGE US TO “ **LOVE ONE ANOTHER** “ IN VERSES 9 -11 :

**II. WHAT GOD DID - “ HE SENT HIS SON “** ( 4 VS 9-11) BECAUSE “**GOD IS LOVE** “ HE MUST COMMUNICATE – NOT ONLY IN WORDS BUT IN:

**DEEDS** -TRUE LOVE IS NEVER **STATIC** OR **INACTIVE** . GOD REVEALS HIS LOVE TO MANKIND IN MANY WAYS:

1. **HE HAS GEARED ALL OF HIS CREATION TO MEETING MEN’S NEEDS.** -UNTIL MAN’S SIN BROUGHT CREATION UNDER BONDAGE, MAN HAD ON EARTH A PERFECT HOME IN WHICH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD
2. **THE WAY HE DEALT WITH ISRAEL** – ( DUET 7 VS 7-8 ) THE LORD DID NOT SET HIS LOVE UPON YOU, NOR CHOSE YOU, BECAUSE YOU WERE MORE IN NUMBER THAN ANY OTHER PEOPLE. FOR YOU WERE THE FEWEST OF ALL PEOPLE. BUT BECAUSE THE LORD LOVED YOU... HAS THE LORD BROUGHT YOU OUT WITH A MIGHTY HAND
3. **THE DEATH OF HIS SON** - BUT GOD DEMONSTRATED HIS OWN LOVE TOWARDS US, IN THAT WHY WE WERE YET SINNERS , CHRIST DIED FOR US ( ROM 5 VS 8 )

**NOTE:** THE GREATEST EXPRESSION OF GOD’S LOVE IS IN THE DEATH OF HIS SON. THE SCRIPTURES SAY THAT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS LOVE TOWARD US WHILE WE :

**WERE YET SINNERS** ( ROMANS 5 VS 8 )

VERSE 9 THE WORD “ **MANIFEST** “ MEANS “ TO COME OUT IN THE OPEN. “ IT IS THE OPPOSITE OF “ TO HIDE OR TO MAKE SECRET. “ UNDER THE OLD COVENANT, GOD WAS HIDDEN BEHIND THE SHADOWS OF RITUAL AND CEREMONY ( **HEB 10 VS 1** ); BUT IN JESUS CHRIST “ THE LIFE WAS MANIFEST “ ( **1 JOHN 1 VS 2** ). HE THAT HATH SEEN ME , SAID JESUS, HATH SEEN THE FATHER ( **JOHN 14 VS 9** ).

**WHY WAS JESUS CHRIST MANIFESTED ?**

**TAKE AWAY OUR SIN** ( 1 JOHN 3 VS 5)

**TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL** ( 1 JOHN 3 VS 8 )

WHERE DID JESUS TAKE OUR SINS AWAY AND DESTROY ( RENDER INOPERATIVE) THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL ?

### **AT THE CROSS**

***TWO PURPOSES ARE GIVEN FOR CHRIST DEATH ON THE CROSS:***

1. **THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM** ( I JOHN 4 VS 9 )
2. **THAT HE MIGHT BE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS** ( I JOHN 4 VS 10 )

**NOTE:** HIS DEATH WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT; IT WAS AN APPOINTMENT. HE DID NOT DIE AS A WEAK MARTYR, BUT AS A MIGHTY CONQUEROR.

***JESUS DIED THAT WE MIGHT :***

1. **LIVE THROUGH HIM** (I JOHN 4VS 9)
2. **LIVE FOR HIM** ( 2 COR 5 VS 15 )
3. **LIVE WITH HIM** ( I THESS 5 VS 9-10)

***A SINNER 'S DESPERATE NEED IS FOR LIFE, BECAUSE HE IS :***

**DEAD IN SIN AND TRESSPASSES** ( EPH 2 VS 1 ) IT IS SOMEWHAT OF A PARADOX THAT CHRIST HAD TO DIE THAT WE MIGHT LIVE!

PROPIIATION – **SOMETHING THAT GOD DOES TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR MEN TO BE FORGIVEN**

( I JOHN 2 VS 2 )

**NOTE:** GOD IS LGHT AND THEREFORE HE MUST UPHOLD HIS HOLY LAW. GOD IS LOVE , AND THEREFORE HE WANTS FORGIVE AND SAVE SINNERS. HOW CAN GOD FORGIVE SINNERS AND STILL BE CONSISTANT WITH HIS HOLY NATURE?

**THE CROSS** - THERE JESUS CHRIST DID TWO THINGS :

1. **BORE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN**
2. **MET THE JUST DEMANDS OF THE LAW**

AFTER THIS WE FIND ANOTHER WAY GOD REVEALS HIS LOVE TO MANKIND AND THAT IS :

**HIS LOVE MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR MEN TO BE SAVED BY FAITH**

NOTICE THAT IN THIS SECTION THE EMPHASIS IS ON THE DEATH OF CHRIST AND NOT THE ON HIS BIRTH. THE FACT THAT HE WAS MADE FLESH ( JOHN 1 VS 14 ) IS CERTAINLY EVIDENCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE TOWARDS MANKIND , BUT THE FACT THAT HE WAS MADE :

**SIN** ( 2 COR 5 VS 21 ) IS VITAL TO US. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST, THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST , THE WHOLE EARTHLY LIFE OF CHRIST FIND THEIR TRUE MEANING AND FULLFILLMENT IN THE CROSS.

IN ( I JOHN 4 VS 11) FOR THE SECOND TIME , BELEIVERS ARE EXHORTED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. THIS EXHORTATION IS A COMMANDMENT TO BE OBEYED, AND IT S BASIS IS THE NATURE OF GOD – GOD IS LOVE ; WE KNOW GOD ; THERFORE WE SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER. ( I JOHN 4 VS 11).

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CHRISTIANS PROGRESS IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF LOVE. TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER SIMPLY OUT OF A SENSE OF DUTY IS GOOD, BUT TO LOVE OUT OF APPRECIATION ( RATHER THAN OBLIGATION ) IS EVEN BETTER.

THIS MAY BE ONE REASON WHY JESUS ESTABLISHED THE LORDS SUPPE, THE COMMUNION SERVICE. WHEN WE BREAK THE BREAD AND SHARE THE CUP, WE REMEMBER HIS DEATH. FEW MEN, IF ANY WANT THEIR DEATHS REMEMERED! IN FACT, WE REMEMBER THE LIFE OF A LOVED ONE AND TRY TO FORGET THE SADNESS AND DEATH. NOT SO WITH CHRIST. HE COMMANDS US TO REMEMBER HIS DEATH: “ THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME! “

WE SHOULD REMEMBER THE LORDS DEATH IN A SPIRITUAL WAY, NOT MERELY SENTIMENTALLY . SENTIMENT IS DEFINED – FEELING WITHOUT RESPONSIBILITY .... IT IS EASY TO EXPERIENCE SOLEMN EMOTIONS AT A CHURCH SERVICE AND YET GO OUT TO LIVE THE SAME DEFEATED LIFE. TRUE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE INVOLVES THE WHOLE MAN:

1. **THE MIND MUST UNDERSTAND SPIRITUAL TRUTH**
2. **THE HEART MUST LOVE AND APPRECIATE SPIRITUAL TRUTH**
3. **THE WILL MUST ACT ON SPIRITUAL TRUTH**

**CLOSE** : THE DEEPER WE GO INTO THE MEANING OF THE CROSS, THE GREATER WILL BE OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST AND THE GREATER OUR ACTIVE CONCERN FOR ONE ANOTHER. SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER BY THE SPIRITUAL TRUTH OF :

I. **WHAT GOD IS – GOD IS LOVE**

II. **WHAT GOD DID – HE SENT HIS SON**

