

The Greatest Love Sacrifices All
(John 15:12)

The greatness of love is measured by its action. Love without action is passive and inert. Love is the deep expression of faith. When an action is applied with love YAHSHUA'S true love is reflected. Action must be mingled with love for it to have an everlasting reward. God's love is the only perfect love. We must dress ourselves with His love as we serve others. It is love that compels us to move forward to serve, and to give to others. God's love is enduring, patient, kind; it is endless and unconditional. Religion without love is boneless; it has no structure to hold it firm and there is no depth to it. YAHSHUA commanded us to love one another in the measure that He loves us. The measure that He loved us was deep and sacrificial. His love measures no distance, no inconvenience, and no pain. There never will be love that can be compared to His. But if we walk in faith and obedience to Him, we will reflect a portion of His sinless and perfect love. His is the greatest love that has sacrificed all. He spared not His life when He submitted to death in our stead. He submitted to all sufferings in its worst measure; measure beyond human ability to handle. His whole body was disfigured; from top of His head to His feet. You might think that He applied supernatural powers to overcome all His sufferings. To think that is to say that He cheated. How could He do that? For what purpose were His sufferings so excruciating, if only for show? God forbid! He suffered as a man; he felt every inch of pain applied to His body. That was the price He paid; He paid in full! No discounts, no short cuts.

So when He commands us to love one another, we are to follow the example He left- the example that shines ever so bright in His words, "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they are doing", while men were piercing His body with nails, thorns and a spear. YAHSHUA did die for us when we were His enemies. When we were rejecting Him, mocking Him and killing Him. His love was not only for those who had followed Him, but for all, good and bad, for there is none that is good but Him. Our self-righteousness is just filthy before Him; for we were born in sin and in sin we were conceived. Only the love of God could save us from sin. Only the greatness of the power of His love could rescue us. When we hear testimonies from ex-muslims, one thing they all say is, I felt the love of God; I had never heard the words, "I love you" before. It is that feeling of love that lifts them from the darkness of their religion to the light of God's love and truth. The veil of hatred and anger falls out of their life and YAHSHUA covers them with love. Now they can love because they have received God's love and have understood it.

God's love gives faith, peace and hope to all who will accept it. When YAHSHUA sacrificed His life on the tree, His entire body had been scourged by the hatred of men toward Him. He went to the cross dressed in blood, His bones out of joint, His heart melted in anguish. His tongue cleaved to His jaws with thirst; a pack of evil doers wouldn't leave Him alone; they had to throw insults upon insults with mockery and sarcasm, tormenting His soul. YAHSHUA took all upon Himself without self-defense. The angels in heaven witnessed all and if they could have cried, they would have. That was the expression of the greatest love ever demonstrated on earth! It had to come from the author of love – God in the person of His Son, YAHSHUA. He said to His disciples, the greatest love of all is a love that sacrifices all. And this great love is demonstrated

when a person sacrifices his life for his friends (family) John 15:13 (from the passion translation).

God's love was poured out for you and me when His body was pierced through by floggings, by nails, by a crown of thorns and by a spear. Life is in the blood. When He poured His blood it ran throughout the entire world touching those who let it touch them to give them life. Paul said in Romans five verses five through eight, Such hope never disappoints or deludes or shames us, **for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us while we were yet in weakness at the fitting time Christ died for the ungodly; now it is an extraordinary thing for one to give his life even for an upright man, though perhaps for a noble and lovable, and generous benefactor someone might even dare to die; but God shows and clearly proves His love for us by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

O Love of God, how rich and pure
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song!
Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Not could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky!

(Frederick M. Lehman)

Know God; know love while the door of grace is still opened to receive you. The time will come when His judgement will cover the earth. That will be too late for you. Know Him now and be saved!

THINK ABOUT IT!