

The Love of the Heavenly Father

See what [incredible] quality of love the Father has given us, that we should be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know us is that it does not know Him. Beloved, we are now God's children; it is not yet disclosed what we shall be, but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He is, and everyone who has this hope on Him cleanses himself just as He is pure (1 John 3:1-3).

God so loved and loves us so much to the extent of shedding the blood of His Son for the purchase of our soul. The ultimate price- the precious blood of His Son, like that of a [sacrificial] lamb without blemish or spot was more valuable than the price of gold or silver, for we were purchased with the life of His only Son. With that the heavenly Father regenerated us from a mortal origin to an immortal ever living life and gave us a heavenly home with Him. The marks of His love are registered on the body of His Son: the nail scarred hands, feet; His pierced side, His wounded back and head are evidences that erase all doubts from the mind. The awesomeness of the love of our heavenly Father is that He loves us in spite of who we are: sinful, rebellious and contrary to His will, even after having experienced His regenerating love. Paul said in the letter to Romans, But God (the heavenly Father) shows and clearly proves His love for us by the fact that while we were sinners, Christ died for us (5:5). The love of the heavenly Father has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, justifying and imputing His righteous in us, bringing us into a relationship with Him and that confirms our salvation from His indignation and wrath. He has given us such hope of salvation, a hope that will never disappoint or frustrate us, but a hope based on Who He is and on His Word, which will never return to Him void, unfulfilled, but will be fulfilled and complete in us through His love. His love is greater than the entire world put together, for nothing in His creation is greater than He is. YAHSHUA said, My Father, Who has given them (sheep) to Me, is greater and mightier than all and no one is able to snatch [them] out of the Father's hand (John 10:29). We are not only adopted into His family, but we are positioned securely in His great hand and no one can touch us, or take us away from Him. His love denotes His true affection for each of us who has accepted His love in the person of His Son. We experience His love through our daily living; be it in the desert, in the valley or on the top of the mountain. The degree of His love is seen through how close we are to Him; the valleys and deserts are perfect places to meet Him away from all which entangles our walk with Him. The love of our Father is made perfect in our trials, if we persevere in faith and in prayer, knowing that discipline is necessary to mold us according to His Son, as our brother, otherwise we are not His children. He says in His Word, My son do not think lightly or scorn to submit to the correction and discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage and give up and faint when you are reprovved or corrected by Him; for the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom accepts and welcomes to His heart and cherishes; you must submit to and endure [correction] for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not train and correct and discipline? Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all [of God's children] share, then you are illegitimate offspring and not true

son; for [our earthly fathers] disciplined us for only a short period of time and chastised us as seemed proper and good to them; but He disciplines us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness. For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it (Heb. 12:5-11). My friend, we must consider that the love of our heavenly Father is seen also through our trials, because He is working in us to make us more into the likeness of His Son, our brother, YAHSHUA. For when He appears, we will be like Him, having gone through the process of sanctification and having being corrected through discipline, if we submit to the love of our heavenly Father to do so. Tough love is not to be understood contrary of what it is. We are to be comforted and encouraged in the consolation of His tough love, for He Who begun a good work of sanctification in us will finish it. It is in His good pleasure to bless us with a hope and a wonderful future.

May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness and patience of Christ and in waiting for His return (II Thess. 3:5). His immeasurable, unlimited and unconditional love sparks in the starry sky; in beauty it is displayed in the darkness of the night; in the darkness of your night, look up and perceive His love shining for you in all direction He takes you. Take a walk to the Garden of Gethsemane in the silence of your prayer and hear His Son crying the heaviness of your sins upon Him; go to Golgotha and hear Him crying the rejection of His Father for your sake, My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? These were the cry of the deep love God has for you and for me. Our punishment was put on His Son, as He hung between heaven and earth suffering shame and mockery and rejection from all who were crucifying Him and worst of all from His heavenly Father, for the sake of His love to be made perfect in us. As the nails were piercing his body and blood came out, forgiveness sprang from His mouth: "Forgive them, for they know not what they are doing". The love of our heavenly Father was completed in the world at the finishing of His Son's sacrifice, when He said, It is finished! This was the manner in which our heavenly Father showed us His love.

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