



Exploring God's Love through the Bible

Jesus!!!

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EXHORTATION CONCERNING GOD'S LOVE

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Eph 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

OUR TEXT: MATTHEW 1:18-25

- This first Gospel, The Gospel According to Matthew, unveils Christ as Messiah.
- Written to a primarily Jewish audience, Matthew's aim, in part, was to convince the Hebrew hearer that Jesus was the long-awaited **Messiah** promised by God. And He is!
- And the mission of Jesus is stated in such a wonderfully crystal-clear fashion in verse 21:

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

- And friends, this is our simple focus today: That Jesus Christ saves us from our sins. What amazing love.

JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR:

THE **LOVING** THREAD THAT WEAVES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF THE BIBLE!

From the Fall of Man...

To the Promise given to Abraham...

To the Giving of the Law...

To God's promise to David...

To the Messianic Writings of the Prophets...

To the Gospels...

Through Acts and the Epistles and the Promise of His coming again...

It's about Jesus!

PAUL WRITES:

Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets.

Rom 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

Rom 3:26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

JOHN WROTE:

1Jn 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

1Jn 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1Jn 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

1Jn 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1Jn 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

JESUS!!!

1. We as sinners were hopelessly lost; then Jesus!!!
2. We had no hope in the world; then Jesus!!!
3. Jesus is the focus of the Word, the fulfillment of prophecy, the exact expression and imprint of the Nature of God, and the Captain of our salvation (Heb 2:10) and the Shepherd and Bishop (or Overseer) of our souls! (1 Pet 2:24)

Heb 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Heb 9:25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

Heb 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Heb 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

PETER WROTE:

1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

1Pe 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

1Pe 2:23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

PAUL SUCCINCTLY GIVES US THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF CHRIST:

1Co 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

1Co 15:2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

1Co 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

1Co 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1Co 15:5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

1Co 15:6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

1Co 15:7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

Oh friends, simply put, may we be overwhelmed by the love of God in Christ Jesus:

Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

APPLICATIONS AND EXHORTATIONS:

1. First, if you aren't saved, **repent** and believe the Gospel:

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Act 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

2. Consider your walk and heart for Christ. Are you still **overwhelmed** at His holy sacrifice? Is anything interfering with your understanding of His love and mercy? Is He the air that you breathe?
3. What ways can you bring your life into further **alignment** with Christ? What ways can you "love Him and keep His commandments?" (John 14:15)
4. In what ways can we **humble** ourselves before Him and His Holy Word, striving to do the will of the Father?

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Php 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.

Php 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Php 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

5. Evaluate your **love** for what He loves, particularly His people, His church, and those who are lost. How might you demonstrate greater love for family, friends, and church? What do you need to do to be a better sharer of the Gospel?

Joh 13:33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you,

Joh 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Joh 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Please consider one more application close to my heart. My Pastor said this last Friday...

“What would happen if each member won ONE family and stuck with them for one year, following up with them, meeting with them, and loving them?”

Precious saints...read that again. Think about it. Meditate and pray on it. Please, oh Lord, help us to love this way and reach out. Give us good success. Save Lord.

May God send us times of refreshing from the presence of the LORD, and may He be pleased with our humble efforts.

Thank you, Lord Christ, for saving us from our sins.

Amen.