

GOD LOVES YOU

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*"But God demonstrates how his Love is
for us in this: While we were still sinners,
Christ died for us"
(Romans. 5:8)*

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INTRODUCTION

Some of us imagine that God is just a vindictive tyrant, who will seek revenge from man and will punish him for his sins as a mere just judge and nothing else.

In reality, this is an incomplete vision of God. God is also kind and compassionate, who sympathizes with man and has mercy on him because He loves him. The secret in this is what is elaborated by the Holy Scripture in his saying:

"GOD is Love" (1 John 4:8)

This love by GOD is unlimited, as GOD is infinite.

Since GOD is love, then he loves all the people in the world, as Apostle John says:
"For GOD so loved the world" (John 3:16.)

Since GOD loves all the people then He loves you personally and loves me too personally although we do not deserve it.

This is what Paul ascertained when he said:

"Who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

From this point, I would like, with the grace of God, to elaborate some of the basic issues regarding the infinite tremendous love of GOD, which are:

- The evidences that GOD loves us.
- The impact of God's love on us.
- The role of every one of us towards such tremendous love.

FIRST:

The Evidence that GOD Loves Us

What is the evidence, which proves that GOD really loves you personally?

In fact, there are several evidences, which will prove this, but I will limit them to these:

1-He created you In His Own Image:

When GOD created man he did not create him in the image of an angle or any terrestrial creature.

The Holy Scripture says:

"So GOD created man in His Own Image"

(Genesis 1:27)

The truth is that there is no physical picture to GOD, but this means that GOD created man in the image of righteousness and holiness.

The first man lived in the Garden of Eden, in righteousness, piousness, and spiritual purity.

Another evidence of GOD's Love for you is that:

2-He Placed you in His Paradise:

Before God created man, He prepared a magnificent place for him to enjoy all what it contained. He created for him a paradise in Eden as the Holy Scripture says:

" Now the Lord GOD has planted a Garden in Eden, and there He put the man He has formed".

(Genesis 2:8)

There is also another evidence which is:

3-That You are the Subject of HIS delight

GOD says in Proverbs:

"And delighting in mankind."

(Proverbs 8:31)

GOD acknowledges that He is delighted with mankind. This is exactly what the angles chanted on the night of Lord Jesus 's Birth. They were chanting:

” *Glory to GOD in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests*”. (Luke 2:14)

Another evidence to be added :

4-When You sinned Christ Died for You

Despite GOD 's love for man, Adam detached himself from GOD when he breached the Divine Commandment by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Thus, the Divine Judgement was inflicted on him.

“*For when you eat from it you will surely die*”. (Genesis 2:17)

This is because as the Apostle says:

“*For the wages of sin is death*”.

(Romans 6:23)

But GOD with His immense love prepared for us this precious sacrifice plan, as He sent CHRIST to atone for our sins with his death on the cross. As it is written:

“*CHRIST died for our sins*” (1 Corinthians 15:3)

There is another evidence of GOD 's tremendous love for you:

5-He knocks on the door of your heart.

Lord JESUS CHRIST says:

“ *Here I am standing at the door and knocking, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and dine with him, and he with me*”.

(Revelation 3:20)

Yes, LORD JESUS is standing at your heart's door with all the love and care, and wishes to enter in your inner self, to convey to you the salvation blessings, and to reside in it. Will you accept him?

SECOND:

The Impact of GOD's Love

What is the impact of GOD's love on us? GOD does so much out of His love for us, for He:

1-Forgives Your Sins

With all the love, GOD is ready to forgive our sins however ugly and sinuous they are. But this is only if we confess them and seek his assistance so that he will protect us from them in future.

The Holy Scripture says:

“ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness”. (1John1: 9)

From his loving deeds too, He:

2-Strengthens Your Weakness and Helps You.

GOD knows that we sin out of weakness although we hate to sin. But GOD will tend a helping hand with the spirit of power from the Highest by granting us the Holy Spirit so as to strengthen us and support us in our battles against sin.

The Holy Scripture says:

“ I pray that out of His glorious riches, He may strengthen you with power through His spirit in your inner being”.

(Ephesians 3:16)

3-He defends you.

So many are the enemies fighting you, there is the devil with all his maliciousness, the world with all its temptations, and the evils with all their plots. Will GOD stand tied hands and leave you as a feather rocking in the wind? GOD forbid! , for HE is the loving father who defends his sons.

The Holy Scripture says:

**"The lord will fight for you; you need only to be still"
(Exodus 14:14)**

4-He offers you Eternal Life.

The hope that every human cherishes and desires to achieve is not to be deprived of eternal life. The truth is that eternal life is a free gift and an endowment from GOD to his children who love him, and love to spend their eternal life with him.

The Scripture says:

" *The Gift of GOD is eternal life*".

(Roman 6:23)

Lord JESUS CHRIST said himself:

"*Do not be afraid little flock, for you Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom*".

(Luke 12:32)

This is about the effect of GOD 's love on us. Actually, GOD' gifts are countless due to his immense love for us.

Third: Our Role towards GOD 's Love

What is required from us to do towards these infinite divine gifts? Not much is required. But we have to prove our mutual love with GOD so that his infinite love will not be a love on one side only.

Following are some of what is required from us:

1-The desire to respond with his love:

GOD in his love will not obligate a person to accept him, but He will stand at the door and will knock with love. He will expect man to respond to his love.

For this Beloved John said:

"*We love him because He first loved us* "

(1 John 4:19).

2-Accept His offer

The second thing required from man in response to the Divine Love is to accept the precious grace offered by CHRIST. Accepting that CHRIST enters your heart and life.

This is why He says:

“If any one hears my voice”.

(Revelation 3:20)

I.e.: **“If anyone accepts my offer and love”**.

3-Invite Him to enter your heart.

The third thing that should be done by who responds with GOD 's love is to ask Lord JESUS CHRIST to come, and enter in his inner being with the Holy Spirit, to reside in him, works on his inner self, purifying his heart, and fills his being. That is how he lives with GOD in a cordial experienced association. His faith is not only theoretical information or superficial acquaintance but also a practical experience and a spiritual union.

4-Trusting He will enter.

When man asks GOD to enter his heart, he must have faith that GOD will fulfill his desire immediately and without delay.

He is the one who says:

“If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in”.

(Revelation 3:20)

Therefore you should not doubt GOD 's response to you and that He is indeed in your heart if you have called Him faithfully and with true desire.

5- Engagement with means of grace.

Since you have called GOD cordially you should finalize the necessary means of grace. Go to church and meet your confession father, repent truly to obtain forgiveness, and come forward to the communion so that GOD resides in you and you in HIM.

6-Behavior with GOD

Now that you have declared your repentance, your desire to follow GOD, and to live according to his concepts and commandments, then you will have to accompany him in the holy path. He will not abandon you, even if you fall out of weakness and inexperience. HE will lift you and support you as the Holy Scripture says:

” If the Lord delights in a man’s way, He makes his steps firm. Though he stumbles he will not fall. For the Lord upholds him with His hand.”

(Psalm 37:23-24)

GOD will be with you till the end of the road where he will crown you with the crown of glory in the sky of glory in the eternal life to which you have been invited.

Dear blessed
Brethren,

Have you realized GOD ’s unlimited love to you?

Do you wish to exchange love for love?

Do you wish to enjoy the blessings of this love, of sacrifice, forgiveness and eternal life?

Do you wish to require from Him now to enter into your heart? Do you trust he will enter your heart?

Are you ready to finalize your salvation in this infinite love surroundings?

My request from GOD is to give you grace so that you will take a final decision now.

Do not postpone such an opportunity, for it may not come again.

GOD be with you, and bless your life.

Please remember me in your prayers.