

THE LOVE OF GOD EXPRESSED

John 16:1-27

Introduction: There is no question as to the importance of the atonement and intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ as being the grounds of every Christian's hope and the richest source of his/her comforts. There is, however, another source of strength and encouragement that is derived by the Christian and that is the heavenly Father's love. No one understands the Gospel fully, but we are aware that Jesus Christ, Himself, was the gift of the Father's love and that every blessing the Christian receives through his/her belief in Jesus was prepared in the eternal counsels of the heavenly Father. God expresses His love in specific ways to specific people.

I. GOD EXPRESSES HIS LOVE TO CERTAIN PEOPLE

1. To those who love God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, God expresses His love.
 - Every real, genuine Christian esteems the Lord Jesus above every other being and desires Jesus more than silver and gold.
 - Every real Christian delights in Jesus as the only source of true happiness.
2. To those who believe in God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, God expresses His love.
 - True Christians do not just agree or assent that Jesus is who He says He is, the savior of the world but with all their being they believe it to be so and have put their entire existence into His hands.
3. Those who are true Christians honor God's Son, the Lord Jesus by their faith and love and in doing so they honor God, the Father, also.
 - **John 5:23**
 - Christians do not earn nor merit God's favor but their love for God's Son is the reason God expresses His love back to them.

II. GOD EXPRESSES HIS LOVE TO CERTAIN PEOPLE IN CERTAIN WAYS

1. God watches over Christians by His providence.
 - Sometimes it may seem that some Christians (God's Children) are forgotten by God because of certain things that happen in their lives.
 - God's eyes are ever upon every single one of His Children (Christians).
 - **2 Chronicles 16:9**
 - Some may experience many deep and heavy afflictions, but every single one will ultimately **"...work out for their own good..." (Romans 8:28)**
2. God keeps them by His Grace.
 - God is not some unconcerned spectator of what Christians go through for He protects them in their battles and when Christians are "wounded" He brings healing, if they faint, He renews their strength.
 - **Psalms 146:6-7**
 - **Hebrews 4:16**

3. God comforts Christians by His presence.
 - God brings consolation to those who wait upon Him.
 - God often reveals Himself to Christians in ways that He does not to anybody else.
 - God gives Christians tastes, now and then, of what heaven will be like.

CONCLUSION:

1. A word to those of YOU who do not receive God's special attention and love.
 - A mere profession of being a Christian is not proof of faith and love in and for Jesus Christ.
 - If you do not love Jesus Christ nor trust Him, do not expect God, the Father, to love you as He does those who do love His Son and trust Him.
 - If you do not love the Lord Jesus Christ and trust Him, then God cannot love you as His child.
 - ***John 8:24***
 - ***John 13:24***
 - If you die as you are this very moment, without faith and love in and for the Lord Jesus Christ, you die in your sins and your eternal destination is hell.
2. A word to those of YOU to whom the Lord Jesus is precious.
 - You are a member of God's family, of His flock.
 - You are honored and privileged for God, the heavenly Father, loves you and watches out for you.