

OF THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE LOVE OF MEN



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Men are born into the world and were made in the image of God and so have the capacity to love but such is the sinful nature of man they love them selves, love not as they should and love not their maker, or his ways.

The gospel of the lord Jesus Christ demonstrates and spells out the nature of God's love in giving His only begotten son in order to save fallen man from sin, death and Hell. John 3. 16. For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

All of mankind are not, and will not be saved, because left to them selves they will not call out to God for salvation, or believe in the Lord Jesus. That is the natural condition of all men. Unless a man be born again he cannot see, or enter into the Kingdom of God. John 3:5

For unless God works in them both to will and to do of his good pleasure they will not follow God. "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Philipians 2:13

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

The natural man, that is one not born again, cannot love God, nor sees the need too, but they love them selves, love their friends, they may love the creation and things of nature, and all that they please, such love is not the love of God.

They may love their children, friends and family but that is not the love the scriptures speak of. We are told to love not the world nor the

things of the world. 1 John 2:15-17 John was Jews and the had to deal with those Jews who sought to teach the Law of Moses and circumcise the gentiles. 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

The world of those Jews, who crucified the lord Jesus, was a religious and carnal world and the ways of the gentiles were ignorant an in natures darkness and would all pass away. For all that is not lived by faith is sin. Romans 14:23

“And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”

Acts 17:30-31

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Unless a man is born again he cannot love God of his neighbour as himself even though his is duty bound too.

For this is the love of God, 1 John 5:3

“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”

When a person is born again, he knows his need of salvation from sin and he will see this love of God displayed to them in the way the Lord Jesus came into the world to save for such sinners and then when the knowledge of this love of this is shed abroad in their hearts, they will love God in return and seek to follow Him. Romans 5:5

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

The love of God is not a universal love, that is a love for all men that have ever lived, or shall live. There is a world of those who perished in

Noah's day, a world of those already in Hell. The world loved by God is expressed in scripture as a love for all the world, the meaning being not for the Jews only but an inclusive of Gentiles as well, that is not the Jews only. 1 John 2:2 for those chosen by God the Father, in Christ to salvation, before the world ever was are those from out of every kindred tongue and people and nations of the world.

Revelation 5:9

“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;”

Ephesians 1:3-23

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

1 John 2:2

2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it. Ephesians 5:25-33

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Jesus did not make atone for the sins of those already in hell or who will be in Hell when they die.

When a person is brought into this knowledge he will love his fellow man, friend, partners and men in the world for they know unless God works in their lives they shall be lost in their sinful way of life, not know God and perish their sins. They know it pleases God for them to go out of their way to help others, in a way of love and they soon lean to rest in the love of God to them. They also learn that they are kept in and by the love of God. John 15:10

“If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love.

Jude. 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

They way this works it that if a believer contemplates the love which God had towards them, and it is based upon God’s choice of them to salvation and they it is all of free grace they will be moved by a principle of Love to the Lord to keep his commandment and love his neighbour as himself. Not out of a legal duty and command.

Such as whom I speak love the Lord Jesus Christ are call to declare the gospel to all men and not to hid or keep from men the whole council of God Acts 20:27

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

The first epistle of Ephesian spells out the gospel truths, and the modern day atheist seeks to change its meaning because they do not believe in the grace of God displayed in sovereign of God, creation providence predestination and redemption.

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