

## **The Father's Love!**

### **Has anyone told you that God loves you and has a tremendous plan for your life?**

Joh 3:16 For **God so loved** the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

This season is the celebration of the highest example or demonstration of love that ever was. The death of God's son on the cross, so that you and I could be saved and have eternal life and have ALL our sins wiped away completely.

Easter, but the real name and celebration is "PASSOVER" – In Exo 12:23 when the death Angel saw the blood and passed over those covered by it. – When death comes to our door, it will Passover us because Jesus has paid the price for us with His blood – but we have to choose this action, just like they did in Egypt. It was not automatic, they had to put the blood on the door – We put the blood on the door of our hearts by accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Jesus paid the highest price of all, He gave His life for you and me. A cruel death. The cross is one of the cruelest ways to die that man has ever dreamed up. But three days after He was put in a borrowed tomb, up He came. Alive for evermore.

## **LETS LOOK AT THIS LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR US**

1Jn 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. **God is love**; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

- The Greek word is "Agape" – we best understand it from the perspective – UNCONDITIONAL
- God's love for us is unconditional which means we can do nothing to earn or achieve it. Even if we reject God forever God will still love us.

## **NOTHING SEPARATES US FROM God's LOVE**

- Nothing we have done stops God's love – We cannot be disqualified for His love.

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, 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.

- If we get a true understanding of the love of the Father for us we then can believe that God says to us. Believing His promises (His word) to us. Put another way, true Bible faith is faith in the love of God. Or faith that God truly, actually loves me.

## **God loved mankind from his creation**

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

God gave man everything that he could imagine, but man made one mistake. He disobeyed God's command. This mistake cost Jesus the price He had to pay to redeem you and I from a life of sin and death to a life of peace and love.

## **Read Eph 1:3-10**

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

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

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth (exhibits or shows) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

### The Power of His Resurrection

He is alive and not in the grave. The Father has given Him victory over death, hell and the grave. He rose from the dead and lives for evermore at the Father's right hand.

### The Great Exchange

He exchanged places with us, we are the ones who deserve to die for our sins. But the love of the Father made a way for us to be completely made pure before Him and to be given the free gift of eternal life.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead **dwelt in you**, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

### THE POWER TO CHOOSE!

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Mat 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden **to dress it and to keep it**. 16 And the LORD God **commanded** the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, **thou shalt not eat of it:** for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

### WHERE DO WE STAND TODAY?

Each one of us are at one of three places: SAVED, UNSAVED, OR BACKSLIDDEN.

Very simple question: If you died today, where would you spend eternity? Heaven or Hell – Both are very real.

On a scale of 1-5, how on fire are you for God.

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

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Act 2:21 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Joh 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. **WHY?**

Joh 3:16 For **God so loved** the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, **SO YOU COULD BE SAVED, AND RESTORED TO RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH God.**