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## God's Love

**The riches of the glory of His inheritance is in the saints. They Are Spirit, and They Are Life!**

In the new creation, through what Jesus did, God has already provided everything we need. We just need to learn what has been provided by grace. Then we must learn how to rest in it, trusting God and appropriating what He's already provided by faith.

Although this foundational truth has many applications, the number one way it has affected me is in my personal relationship with God. It has deeply affected my understanding of how much God loves me. Everything else in the Christian life comes as a result of understanding my relationship with Him.

So many people are trying to work some kind of a formula. They're looking for some kind of a key, for two or three steps they can follow, something they can do. They treat God like He's a slot machine. "Give me something I can stick in the prayer machine and pull the handle so that I can make God come out." It doesn't work that way.

The most important truth I've learned from all this is that God's **love** for me is **unconditional**. It's not based on anything I do. God's love toward me is consistent. It never fluctuates based on my performance. When I'm better, God doesn't love me more. When I'm bad, God doesn't love me less. I have come to recognize that God's grace—and therefore, God's love, favor, and acceptance of me—is unconditional. It has nothing to do with who I am. It has everything to do with who He is. It's not because I am lovely, it's because He is love. This is one of the greatest applications of this truth.

**1 John 4:9** says:

**<sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.**

How do we know that God loves us? Such knowledge is not based on feelings or emotions. Feelings and emotions can be dangerous. **Ephesians 4:19** says

**<sup>19</sup>who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.**

Since lewdness isn't a word that we use often today, many people just skip over it without really thinking about what it means. Lewdness is uncontrolled, unrestrained, unfettered lust and desire. This scripture describes a coming generation of people who have given

themselves over to lewdness—uncontrolled, unrestrained emotions, feelings, and desires that go beyond a natural, normal use of feelings. I believe we live in that generation.

This generation today has gone far beyond what God ever intended our emotions to be. People today have elevated emotions to a level that is absolutely ungodly.

I have met and talked to many people who have told me that they're depressed. I've asked them, "What's the problem? What is it that's depressing you?" They answer, "Well, nothing specific I can think of, but I just feel this." They don't have a reason for their depression other than, "I feel this."

We've elevated feelings to the point where if we don't feel something, then it must not be true. Feelings are inconsistent. God gave them to us, and in their proper place they're okay. But **when you let your feelings dominate you, you're acting like a child.** Children say, "Well, I don't feel like doing it." As the parent, you have to say, "I don't care if you feel like doing it or not. I told you to do it. Now get up and do it." You don't always feel like going to work, but part of being an adult is you get up and do what you need to do. Only a spoiled generation, like what we live in has the luxury of doing what they feel like.

One or two generations ago, people were struggling to survive. It didn't matter how they felt. They didn't have time to sit around and discern their feelings. They were too busy scratching out a living and doing what it took to make ends meet. But now we sit around thinking, I don't feel like you love me anymore. I don't feel like doing this. You can't praise God when your thumb is in the way. Pull it out of your mouth, grow up, and quit letting feelings dominate you!

People will say, "But I don't feel God loves me." Then we need to realize, "Your feelings are wrong."

"Oh, but I've got to feel it."

"Why do you have to feel it?"

"It's not real if I don't feel it."

That's stupid! And it's this same attitude that is destroying a lot of marriages today. It would be wonderful if every spouse treated their mate exactly the way they were supposed to, but you're married to a fallen human being. They don't always say or do things just right. You need to grow up and give your spouse a little bit of slack sometimes. It doesn't matter that they don't always treat you perfectly, do what's right—not what you feel like.

You may not feel like they love you, but you know that they do. Perhaps your spouse doesn't tell you enough that they love you. We've become hardened today because we have elevated feelings to a place where we must "feel" to believe. That's immature and

childish. There is a place for emotions, but not the prominent place it occupies with most people. We have gone beyond feelings into lewdness—to where we have to feel everything.

Some people may know what the truth is, but it doesn't matter. They are ruled by whatever they feel. That's very carnal. It's demonic. It's a perversion of the way that God made us to be.

A while back a minister was sharing a story about a person that was talking about a friend's daughter who had a certain problem. They were counseling the girl and trying to deal with her when the daughter said, "But my parents didn't treat me right. They didn't honor me. They didn't do this and they didn't do that." This minister said, "I knew the parents. These were good parents. They weren't perfect. They didn't do everything right. But what the daughter was saying about them wasn't true. Although they weren't perfect, these parents loved and honored that daughter.

Then this minister said, "I knew this girl was wrong, but I didn't correct her because it didn't matter whether she was right or wrong. To her it was real."

Some people may say, "But that's right. To the individual, those feelings are real." This teaching is deceptive. It's the truth that's going to set you free.

### **John 8:32**

<sup>32</sup> **And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

The proper thing to do would have been to stop this girl in the middle of that and say, "Your perception is wrong, and until you start wising up and realizing that not everybody is going to pamper you and treat you perfectly the rest of your life, and until you quit blaming other people for the offense that you've taken, and until you start shouldering your own responsibility, you're never going to grow and mature."

You may feel some things so passionately that it doesn't matter to you whether it's truth or not. It's true to you. I'm telling you, it's only the truth—the real truth, not the "truth" that you feel—that's going to set you free. **God intends for you to *rule* your *emotions*, not for your *emotions* to rule *you*.**

I know there are many people that will say, "Would you please pray with me? I just don't feel the love of God." When what we should be doing is begin to **speak out, "Don't you know that God *loves* you? Jesus came and *died* for you!"**

Then the thought comes, "Oh, I know that Jesus died for me. And I know that God loves me. But I just don't feel it."

So let me get this right, you know that God loves you, but you don't feel it. You don't have goose bumps. You don't have a feeling overwhelming you at the moment. And so, because you don't feel loved, you forget the truth. You forget reality. You forget the Word. Because you just don't feel it.

To pray that we would "have a feeling" is Lewdness. It's excessive, and perverse! You don't have to always feel something.

### **1 John 4:9**

**<sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.**

### **John 3:16**

**<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

If you comprehend these scriptures, you have zero excuse for ever being depressed, discouraged, defeated, or feeling lonely. You might think you have reasons, but you have no excuse. You have the knowledge it takes to set you free from the rule of emotion if you would just meditate on the truth saying, "**Father, You love me.**"

### **Romans 5:8**

**<sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

This love that God gave us through Jesus didn't come in response to your goodness, or because you've merited it by praying, fasting, and studying the Word. It wasn't because you humbled yourself and started being a good person. Think about what this verse says: **God demonstrates His own love toward us—even died for us—while we were yet sinners!**

You may have been a "good" sinner or a "bad" one, but **Romans 3:23** says:

**<sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

Compared to other people, you might look good, but compared to Jesus, we are all an offense against God. We have all fallen short of where God wanted us to be. The Lord doesn't look down on anyone and say, "Oh, they're so close. They are so good that I've got to help them and give them a little bit of a boost." No, from God's perspective—which is perfection—we've all fallen short of what He wants us to be. None of us was worth God sending His Son to die in our place. No one deserves the love of God.

But, before you can really understand how much God loves you, you have to quit loving yourself so much.

Although I had already been born again at age five, the experience that turned my life around came when just back 6 years ago in 2020. I had become a religious Pharisee. I was living a holy life, but I had fallen into this deception of trusting in my own goodness. As long as I thought that God owed something to me, I would never have a great revelation of how much He loved me. I would make comments like, “God, I’ve given my talents and time to so many people, but I still can’t get ahead financially. I haven’t seen great success. I always get burnt in the end. When do I see your blessing come into my life and see them overflowing?”

But thankfully, God just pulled back a curtain from before my eyes. It was a supernatural revelation. He shined His light on me and I saw myself for who I really was. After I had this supernatural revelation of God’s love, I was on a walk one day, and God spoke to me very clearly. He said, “Do you realize, that I didn’t start moving in your life, until you stopped giving me 5 minutes of your day?” You see, I had the very typical routine (unfortunately many believers have this same routine) of spending 5 minutes reading through a quick devotional in the morning, then carrying on with my day. I felt really good about myself when I “fit” God into my morning. And when I didn’t spend that five minutes with Him, I felt miserable. I felt like God was disappointed with me. Then it would even prevent me the next day and the next day and the next day, from even doing a devotional. And on and on this cycle would go. It was all just religious junk in my life based on my feelings, not on the truth of God’s love towards me.

You see, I thought that God judged me.

To my surprise, when I humbled myself and quit putting any faith or confidence in myself, the love of God flowed into my life in a way that just revolutionized me. I was caught up in the presence of God on this particular walk I was on. The Lord just loved me. He was loving on me and thanking me for spending my whole day with Him. I changed my mindset to, “I get to bring God with me throughout my entire day today!” Yet I never would have understood the depth of God’s love if I were thinking there was something I had to do to deserve it.

### **Romans 8:37-39**

**<sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

How can we be more than conquerors? Earthly/mortal conquerors, when they get the victory and the spoils (*Rewards*) of war, but they have to fight to get them.

**We are *more* than *conquerors*** because ***we have victory*** and all the ***spoils*** of war, but we didn't do the fighting. ***Jesus* fought and *won*** this battle for ***us***, and all we have to do is ***receive*** the ***benefits***. **That's being *more* than a *conqueror*.**

It's amazing that Paul was persuaded of this. I'm happy for him. But you and I must be persuaded of this too in order to benefit from it.

This is all-inclusive. Death and life cover it all. Everything that exists now and anything that ever will exist covers it all too. This is tremendous assurance that nothing can stop Christ from loving us.

These verses are amazing! But religion makes them of none effect in many Christians' lives. Religion says the Lord separates us from His love for a multitude of reasons. Many Christians live in constant dread of doing something that will cause them to lose their salvation and this love of God. That is totally against what these verses are saying.

If you are still maintaining your own righteousness, then you'll never truly understand God's love. You have to come to the end of yourself. That's why God gave the Old Testament Law, to expose how ungodly we were—to bring us to the end of ourselves. The law condemns. It's harsh. Its purpose was to bring you to the end of yourself because only when you come to the end of yourself do you find the beginning of God.