

Because God is Love

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one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. 16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

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in love lives in God, and God in them. 17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

19 We love because he

first loved us.

God has many characters. God is Holy. God does not have a sing. Got is vast. God is great. God is omnipresent. God knows everything. God can do everything. God is the creator. God is almighty who gives us salvation. And, the message we are sharing today is 'God is love'. God is love. The

main point of today's sermon is that God has loved us first, and his love has become concrete by Jesus, therefore, we should love each other within his love.

Rob Bell, a pastor, wrote a book titled 'Love wins' a few years ago, and it got attention. It starts with an idea that it would be great if even all unbelievers can

be saved as well. God is love and if God can do everything, why need the hell? Why he sends people to the hell because they don't believe in Jesus? The book starts with such questions. Only a few selected people go to the heaven among millions of populations, and the remaining have to suffer in the eternal punishment? Can God be called God even if he does such thing?

The conclusion was that there is no hell. It erased Judgement and Hell exist in Bible.

Why can only a few selected ones among the billions go to heaven while the rest suffer in eternal punishment and suffering? Can you say that God is love? His conclusion was that there was no hell. He simply omitted judgment

and hell mentioned in the Bible. Those of us who believe can continue to ask these questions. Does God have no mercy in the Old Testament? In fact, God in the Bible is sometimes portrayed as a cruel God. He judged people by the flood. All creatures were dead except animals and the Noah family in the ark. He ordered Abraham to offer his precious son born at the age of 100. During

the battle with Canaan, all men and women, children, infants, camels, and donkeys are killed according to God's commands.

Some people are uncomfortable with these scenes. Marcion, who lived in the late 1st century of the early Christianity days, describes God differently in the Old testament and

the New Testament. He claimed that The New Testament emphasizes God of mercy and salvation, and the Old Testament is about God of law and justice. So, Marcion did not accept the Old Testament. With this reason, the church considered Marcion as a heresy in the middle of the second century. His point of view was an opposition to the Old Testament,

which was caused by a lack of comprehensive understanding of the Old Testament.

BTW, can there be good in the world without evil?

Without the wrath of God and the love of God regarding what is good or evil in this world, we will lose love, goodness, and kindness. We often look at God with glasses called "I".

We say, "I think God is..."
and simply defines God.
God cannot be the God of
the center for the
individual human being.
God is God. (I am who I
am).

Basically, God does not
have the responsibility to
provide men any
goodness, salvation, love,
and etc. We cannot say
that God is unrighteous

because all sovereignty belongs to Him. The Bible speaks of God having the full right to our life and death. We are only sinners before God. He loved us first, sent us His only son to save us, and Jesus, the son of God, was crucified for our sins. Do you believe in that grace? We must focus more on the word of God, on the blessing of God, on the salvation of God, on the

goodness and kindness of God. That is the grace of the cross and the power of the cross.

With this view, we are just thankful for His kindness, graciousness, and salvation. Statistically, 152,000 people die every day and 360,000 new people are born. We should remember that God has the sovereignty of a

life-and-death. In the countless death and birth of people, God is still open and waiting for all men to come to salvation.

But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”
(Roman 10:21, ESV)

That is why the grace of salvation is great among

us.

We should be able to read “Love” from the cross. And God is Love, and because He gave Love through Jesus, we should love each other.

1. God is Love, and we can love by knowing ‘Agape Love’ (7-10)

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and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear Friends! He is calling us. Those who receive Agape Love.... Those whom I do Agape love.... John the Disciple calls us that way. And let us love each other! He declares. Commands. Love belongs to God. In the original version, Agape love comes

from God and belongs to God. The Password is important to get to know and see God. The password is 'Agape Love'. It means those who loves God can get into through Agape love. Those who don't love God don't know God, and don't know the God's primary character. In short, it means those who love each other are those who were reborn from God and keeps the

seal/symbol that they know God.

This Great Love appears to us like this. God loves us and sends His only son to the world. Those who believes in Him will not be destroyed and received salvation, and the purpose of the Love is to save us.

This is stated specifically in John 3:17.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:17, NIV)

The following three statements justify why we should love each other.

1. God is love.
2. God send his only son to save us.
3. God loves us first

and sends his son as a
peace offering and
forgives our sins.

In the long run, those who
belong to God will love
each other. If they love
other, which is a character
of God, and then they come
from God and know God.
God created the world and
blessed the world with the
salvation plan for this
corrupted world, because

He loves us. That love was embodied in the cross.

God's wrath, God's judgment on the sin and God's handling of sinners are expressed in the cross of the Christ.

You may say God is cruel. He abandoned his only son and ignored, letting him die in the cross. But the love of the Cross of Jesus Christ who receives the

God's wrath is the love of God that is concretized for us.

Apostle John calls them my loved ones. Apostle John calls them beloved because they have received Agape love and Apostle John loves them with Agape love. Not only does he charge us to love one another this way, he commands it. Love belongs

to God. In the original Greek language, Agape love comes from God, and it belongs to God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. They have a relationship with God. It's important to know a password in order to meet and know God. The password is "Agape Love." He who loves God, knows God through his Agape love. He who does not love does not know God, nor

does he know the basis of his attributes. In the end, those who love and are beloved are reborn from God and a sign of those who know God.

This is what the greatest love has shown us. God loved us and sent his only begotten Son to the world. Whoever believes in Him is saved without condemnation, and the

purpose of his love is to save us. This is embodied and expressed in John 3:17 well.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:17)

In order to love one another we must completely understand the

following three points.

1. God is love.
2. God wanted to save us through his only begotten Son.
3. God first loved us and sent His Son to us as a peace offering for our sins.

In the end, those who belong to God, who is love, will also love others. When you love others because it

is God's character and it is from God, you will know God. God loves us, who has made this world, who has made a plan of salvation among the depravity of this world. The love was embodied in the cross. The wrath of God, the judgment of God toward sinners, and how to treat sinners appears on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

I can say that God is a cruel God. He abandoned his only Son, turned him away, and gave him to be crucified. But, the love of the cross of Jesus Christ, who has taken all the wrath of his Father God, is the love embodied for us by God. In order to save us, He laid down his wrath on sin itself and the price of sin for sinners on the Cross. He sacrificed his son as a peace offering and

forgave us for our sins.
When we write the Cross,
we read love.

Is there this cross love in
us? When we love in this
way, we can find our
Father. We can make our
Father's Love complete.
The complete of our
Father's love He shows is
to love each other as a
further step. It is a natural
thing that we can love

using the love given by Him. The cross leads us to make complete our saving and also will be completed with our loving each other. That is due to Father's realm.

The way we can reveal Father's Love to the world is to love each other. As last it can be proved by our love. Father's love, our loving our Father and loving each other prove it

to world.

1. Loving each other is to complete cross's Love.
2. Jesus takes the cross as a Father's son for us and becomes as the savior of world.
3. We need to deliver this message with our loving each other. Loving each other can prove the cross's love.

3. Father is Love, so we can make a victory boldly. (16-19)

16. And so we know and
rely on the love God has
for us. God is love.

Whoever lives in love
lives in God, and God in
him.

17. In this way, love is
made complete among us
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judgment, because in this world we are like him.

18. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

19. We love because he first loved us.

This message proclaims again Father's love. Verse

16 repeats and summarizes the those from verse 7 to 15. The cross's love is to us, so we should love each other. We can tell the story of love of the past and present and prepare the day of Judgement. The cross's love dwells to us and if we love through that love, we dare to stand to Him without fear. If we love each other, we do not have any fear. Why do we need

to fear? It is because of penalties.

Those who fear the penalties are those who do not know the Cross's love. At last those who dwell at love, that is, receive the Father's Cross's love, experience, walk together are those who live with Father and Father is also together with. The meaning that Father

dwells is to tell directly in dwelling of the Holy Spirit. Father's love is accomplished to us, as His purpose, it makes us brave at the day of judgment and as Jesus takes boldness of Cross, we are the same at the world. That is, it is claimed that we make triumph.

Father's love proves that we are the His children.

The sons do not need to scare His judgement. It is because of His love.

Father's perfect love lets our fear leave out. If we are not His children, we will fear of it. If we do not love each other, Father cannot dwell with us, so we cannot be His children.

So we can make success with His cross, that cross loves us and it is the origin of Father's love and it is the place where our loving

each other comes true.

Therefore, those who are loved, experienced, and allied with God's Cross, live in God and God lives in him. What God dwells in him means 'indwelling of the Holy Spirit'. Just as the love of God has been fully made to us, that we love each other for that purpose, make us bold in the day of judgment; in

other words, we declare our victory against the world.

God's love testifies that we are children of the Lord.

The son does not have to fear his father's judgment.

That's because of father's love. The whole love from the Lord drives out fear.

The one who is not a child of God feels fear. If we do not love one another, God

cannot dwell in us. This
make us not be a true His
child. Since we win only
with the Cross, the Cross is
the source of God's love,
which loves us, and where
we are the completion of
love for each other. The
Cross where the love of
horizontal and vertical
meet, the place where God
's wrath and love exists,
the place where God' s
kingdom and God 's
judgment occurs.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. (John 3:18)

The last verse of the Word today is that 'We love because he first loved us'. In English, we love

because he first loved us. Because he loved us first, we love him. There is another interpretation. God loves us more than anything else. He loves us before he judges, loves us before condemns us.

Whatever we are, God has decided to love first and love us. God loved us in His own way. He gives us the only Son, Jesus Christ, and takes children those who believe in His death and

resurrection. Do you know the love? With that love, do we first think of the love, decide to love, and love each other?

Conclusion

The North American "Navajo" Indian tribe has their own coming-of-age ceremony when a boy is mature. After the banquet is finished, the boy is tied

to a tree in the middle of a deep forest and stayed overnight. It is difficult to spend time in the woods at night without doing anything. He cannot help but staying without any actions even under wild animals' attacks. The boy has to overcome with a strong conviction overnight to become a maturity.

Interestingly, it is said that there has never been a boy who was attacked or damaged from the ceremony until now.

Because a father of the boy hides behind the tree and stays together with his son armed with arrows to protect his son from any attacks at any time.

However, the son does not know the presence of his father at all and would feel afraid overnight. Even if

the father knows the heart
of his son, he stands
behind and just stays
together with his son.