

GOD IS SO AMAZING

1 John 3:16

Introduction: When looking at the Christian faith and trying to find its great and strong points, it is hard to find a single, primary, more important than another point. How God brought salvation to us, WHY God brought salvation to us staggers our thoughts and even imaginations. What God does every day in the lives of His Children and Where God takes His Children upon their earthly demise (heaven) makes us speechless.

If you were asked "which/what do you admire most about God?" what would be your answer? Let us consider some of these things we DO know about God.

I. CONSIDER THE EXTENT TO WHICH GOD HAS GONE TO REVEAL HIS LOVE TO US

1. Consider first of all the fact of "creation." Love was written in every tiny aspect of it. There was nothing about it that God did not remark, *"...and it was very good..."*
 - The things that are different today that are "not very good" are the direct result of sin.
2. Consider then some other acts of God. Love is revealed in every area. Anger is the exercise of Fatherly love. Judgments are efforts to bring mankind into a state of reconciliation and acceptance with Him. Redemption is the supreme revelation of God's character.
3. Consider the situation of mankind that showed how much God loves us.
 - Man fell as did Lucifer and his angels.
 - The same fate awaited fallen man that awaited Lucifer and the fallen angels.
 - Mankind was as unable to help himself as were the fallen angels.
 - The guilty must be punished or have someone capable to pay for their wrongs.
 - Lucifer, Gabriel, Michael and the rest of the angels couldn't do it.
 - Only God, Himself, was qualified to help fallen mankind.
 - Such was mankind's pitiful condition.
 - But God determined to rescue lost mankind.
4. Consider what was accomplished by God for fallen mankind.
 - Man's guilt was removed and he could approach God in reconciliation.
 - Even the most sinful person has hope of being accepted by God.
 - What was needed by fallen mankind to be accepted by God has been met/given.
 - By FAITH, the fallen person can be redeemed into God's favor.
 - Once fallen man can now receive from God His favor, acceptance, and an eternal inheritance.
5. Consider the Love that brought about Salvation for lost mankind.
 - Only God's concern/care could have brought about man's redemption.
 - All mankind was fallen, lost, separated from God.
 - Mankind had become an enemy to God, was ungodly, sinners, evil, destitute, hopeless.
 - God could have erased mankind from existence with just a thought and not have been affected in any manner.
 - LOVE in God for mankind caused Him to give His Son for mankind's salvation.

- Man kind will be forever wondering at and thanking God for His Mercy and Love.

II. IF GOD DID ALL THIS FOR US, THEN WE SHOULD TRY TO LOVE EACH OTHER

1. It is our duty as recipients of God's actions of love to in turn love mankind.
 - We owe a debt of love to every human being and there is not a PAIN we should not try to ease. There is not a WANT we should not try to supply for that is what God has done for/to us.
 - If we owe such a debt to each other (mankind) for such temporal things, HOW MUCH MORE A DEBT we owe mankind concerning Spiritual matters.
 - There are multitudes who do not know our loving God and what He's done.
 - How we should make every effort to reach those who are lost.
 - How sad we should be over our past performance.
2. It is our duty as recipients of God's love and benefits to love our Christian brothers and sisters.
 - They are just like us. They are also dear to God and the Lord Jesus. They are our family. They are also objects of God's love. They are also the temple of the Holy Spirit. They are also part of Jesus' Body.
 - We are all one in the Lord Jesus.
 - What do we not owe to one another as a Christian family?

CONCLUSION:

1. Let us think about our obligations.
 - We think so lightly about God, the Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit and their work toward our salvation.
 - We treat the mysteries of Redemption like some fairy tale such as "...Once upon a time..."
 - Something needs to be done to awaken our sense of obligation to God, to mankind and to our fellow Christians, our family.
2. Let us take a look at our duties.
 - To LOVE is not a burden for the Christian, for it is to be like Jesus Christ. Therefore let us banish envy, hatred, malice, wrath, jealousy, all such feelings from our hearts.
 - Let us love All mankind.
 - Let us use All our abilities for God and the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church, our Family.
 - Let us put aside All our excuses for not doing our duty to mankind.
3. God's actions toward us are examples of how we should be toward others.
4. Everyone who is not in God's Family, needs us to reach out to them and bring them to God.