

THOUGHTS ABOUT GOD'S LOVE

1 John 3:1-2

Introduction: Everybody has an opinion about God and God's "love." "How could God "love" if there's so much death, destruction, wars, etc. going on. God's love is revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ and that love works the works that creates the miracle of eternal life and righteousness.

In a sense God's love begins with a "blood transfusion" (all are familiar with this term) to counter act the deadly disease of sin. God's love is what brings healing from all that the disease of sin causes. So some thoughts about God's love:

I. GOD'S LOVE HOLDS US ACCOUNTABLE

1. God doesn't miss a single sin in our lives.
 - God loves us too much to turn His head, blink His eye, let us get by and there will always be a day of accounting with Him.
2. Calvary, the cross of Jesus, is God's way of showing that His forgiveness is not some cheap nor easy thing for Him to do.
3. God gives no blessings nor makes no promises of blessings until sin has been dealt with.
 - *Luke 5:18-26* - The crippled man who was let down through the roof top by his friends.
 - *2 Chronicles 7:14* - Humbleness, seeking God, turn from sin and then God will help.

II. GOD'S LOVE WILL NEVER LET THE BELIEVER DOWN

1. God's grace will handle all situations.
 - *Acts 11:19-23* - the persecution and scattering of God's people.
 - *Romans 5:1-11, 17* - in hard times and that Jesus died for the ungodly.
 - *Romans 12:3-8* - all believers are in Christ and each has a different gift.
 - *2 Corinthians 12:9* - God's grace is sufficient for all things.
2. God's love and grace are our refuge and strength.
 - *Psalms 46:1-7*

III. GOD'S LOVE NEVER LETS US GO

1. God's love outlasts our puny, fickleness.
 - *Romans 8:35-39* - nobody or anything shall separate us from God's love.
 - *2 Timothy 1:12* - we can become assured and persuaded that God's love will always be there.
2. God's love holds us safely through death and all our feelings around death.
 - We sing the hymn "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"
 - *Psalms 23* - also expresses the assurance of God's permanent love.

CONCLUSION: God's love is extended to all - have you, will you accept it? It's real!