

WHY DOES GOD LOVE US SO?

Ephesians 2:4-10

Introduction: Our minds are overwhelmed when we consider the creation and all that went into it. What took place is far beyond our grasp so our "scientists" explain the creation in ways that they "think" it happened, using their very limited knowledge which is no where near how things actually happened. The Bible states simply that "God said...." and things happened. What a powerful and knowing God.

Another thing that overwhelms our minds is this very same God who created all things has a love for us that is hard for us to grasp. Why in the world does almighty God love us so? No human being could ever possibly return in any degree love as God loves. What reason does God have to love us so?

I. GOD LOVES US SO THAT WE MAY DO GOOD THINGS/WORKS

1. We (Christians) are the results of God's workings.
 - Only God can save and keep.
 - All that will ever have been said and done concerning salvation will be God's workings.
2. We have been created in Jesus Christ.
 - Christians are re-created people by the hand of God.
 - As a branch is to a vine or a branch is to a tree trunk, so a believer is with Jesus.
 - God does all the re-creating.
3. We have been re-created to do good works.
 - God accepts only that which is done by Christians.
 - Good works come because of salvation, not in order to HAVE salvation.
4. We do the works God determines for us to do.
 - God has particular things He wants His Children (Christians) to do.
 - God required certain things under His Laws which would bring His blessings when done.
 - God's grace over rules the Law as works now come AFTER salvation.
 - Doing what God wants done is a test or proof of one's true faith in the Lord Jesus.
 - Doing the works God wants done reveals one's true attitude toward God and His grace.
 - Doing good works out of obedience are acceptable to God.
 - Doing good works for any other reason are unacceptable by God.
 - God saves us upon our belief in His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit then leads us to do good works.

II. GOD LOVES US SO BECAUSE HE WANTS TO BLESS US AND GIVE TO US

1. God doesn't want a single person to perish (*John 3:16*).
2. God wants every single person to have eternal life in Heaven with Him.

3. God wants to indwell every single person upon his/her belief in Jesus and enable that person to live and do things that God know is best for that person and God's kingdom.

III. GOD LOVES US AND WANTS TO REVEAL HIS GRACE TO ALL

1. God's supreme motive/reason in saving us is to reveal His great love and grace to all His creation.
 - Mankind is lost, damned, helpless, doomed but God in His grace has made those alive who would believe in His Son, Jesus. He saves them, strengthens them and gives purpose.
2. God demonstrates before all His creation (powers, principalities, celestial and terrestrial beings, His wonderful, rich grace.
3. All intelligence knows about man's sin and the depth of it and all know about God's holiness, righteousness and His hatred of sin. All will see mankind redeemed by the works of God.
4. It has been God's intent from creation of man to show His love and He has chosen GRACE to be that means of showing His great love.
5. When all is said an done with new heavens and new earth, all intelligent beings will clearly see God's love revealed in the salvation of man by God's GRACE, alone.
6. Every act of God in heaven and earth has contributed to man's salvation by GRACE. Paul saw through a glass darkly and the Church was the great mystery of the Old Testament, yet day by day God's plan unfolded and gradually revealed fully God's GRACE.
7. Jesus Christ came in God's time to bring in another age of God and to reconcile all things. All human history revolves around the Cross and the Tomb. Man's salvation and God's plan of love hinges on Jesus Christ and His Death and Resurrection.
8. What a great spectacle for all the universe: God working out man's salvation by His GRACE.
9. So, what could better reveal God's love for the undeserving? God's GRACE in man's salvation!
 - It's easy to love the loveable but what about the unloveable? God shows us how!

CONCLUSION:

1. God's supreme motive in creation, preservation and consumation of the universe, allowing evil, undertaking salvation for man, all this and more has been to show the riches of God's GRACE.
2. Salvation of man must be by God's GRACE alone or else God will have failed.
3. GRACE is revealed ONLY when there is a total absence of merit or reward or works.
4. Why does God love us so? Because that's just how He is!