

Love

Words Describing Salvation

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I. Love, the Motivation for this So-Great Salvation

1. God's motivation for giving His Son was l_v_. Consider the pictures we get about this love from John 3:16.

1) The greatness of this love is shown by the nature of the people who are loved: r_b_ls, ungrateful, ungodly, sin-filled, _n_mi_s! (Joh.3:14-15; Act.17:25; Isa.1:2-6; 53:6; Rom.5:6-10)

2) The greatness of this love is seen by the depths to which God gave His Son. He gave Him not just to labor and suffer for His people, but to die the d__th of the cr_ss. (1Jo.4:9-10; Mar.15:34)

3) The greatness of this love is seen by the willingness of the Son to so give H_ms_lf up for these sinners. (Joh.13:1; 1Jo.3:16)

4) The greatness of God's love was without measure. He gave Him to suffer all that was necessary to s_c_re our reconciliation. (Isa.53:10-11)

II. Love, the Manifestation of this So-Great Salvation

1. These people loved by God are known (manifested) by the fact that they, after their conversion, l_v_ God. (1Jo.4:19,8)

1) This love that they have to God is known by their _bedi_nce to His Word. (1Jo.2:3-5)

2) This obedience is not burdensome to these who are loved, but is the fr__t of love. (1Jo.5:1-3)

2. These people loved by God are known by their love to His p__ple. (1Jo.4:7-8,20-21)

1) Their love to each other is l_k_ His love to them – it is a giving of themselves to meet the needs of each other. (1Jo.3:14-19)

2) This love that they have to each other m_rks them out to the world that they are Jesus' disciples. (Joh.13:34-35)

III. Love, the Medium in this So-Great Salvation

1. This love is the m_tiv_tion for and the medium in which our obedience now functions. (1Jo.4:19; Joh.14:15)

1) Without this love as our medium our words, our abilities, and our accomplishments are n_th_ng. (1Co.13:1-3)

2) God's love in our hearts is the medium that allows us to be p_ti_nt, kind, content, humble, mannerly, other-centered, long-fused, short-memory, righteous, optimistic, hoping, enduring and unfailing. (1Co.13:4-8)

3) This love is the o_l that keeps down the friction, and allows us to function together as an imperfect body of believers. (1Co.13:4-8; 1Pe.4:8; Col.3:12-14)

2. This love of God is the medium for our ev_ng_lism. (2Co.5:14)

3. The need of every child of God is to be rooted and grounded in this love, and to search out and know this love of Christ which pa__es knowledge. (Eph.3:14-21)

4. Though faith and hope may have an end, this love shall n_v_r end. (1Co.13:13)

*Sinner, look to the God of love, trusting only in His mercy through the gift of His love, Jesus Christ. (Joh.3:16)

*Christian, "keep yourself in the love of God". (Jud.21)