

Does God Hate Me?

That is a powerful question is it not? There are so many unspoken voices found in depression and anxiety now day's that "feel" God hates them. Moreover, there are many professing Christian's that feel the same way, although, they may not openly admit it, not wanting to stumble someone else or discourage their children and friends from living by Christian's values.

This feeling is not unique, and it is common to all of us at one time or another. however, it is not an easy subject to discuss simply because what we go through as human may take us a lifetime to come to know God's love.

Then there is the number one problem we all face is understanding God's love, not by religious words, and sometimes not even words from our bibles help. Love is a powerful emotion, it is felt without words, and often we know if someone close to us doesn't love us, or is losing love for us without a word.

Words often get in the way of love, not always, but lets put it this way if we really love someone and try to express those feelings in words they often fail us, we try, and try as we may, the words seem to be lacking, and even the person we are expressing those words to will question us if we are really sincere, words never seem to be enough!

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Love happens in so many ways with human's that it takes years sometime to realize how much someone loves us, but when we start recounting all the ways they comforted us, listen to us, waited on us, it becomes an accumulative effect filling up our hearts with appreciation and love for them. Many of us find this true with our parents, whom we never understood until we lose them then our recounting the unsaid things they did for us we come to realize how deeply their love was for us.

Expectations

So without a doubt, we have an expectation of what love is? What our ideal of love should be? So its no wonder we feel disappointed when an expectation is not meant time and time again. We may well be wrong because the person saying they love us has their own idea of love and may very well have been expressing their love the best they knew how.

Many don't feel God's love them because they have an expectation of what they believe God's love is? None of us are immune to this thinking, simply, because we are sinners, we can't sin, and then feel God loves us, we can deny that truth, it is the truth nonetheless we feel condemned in our fallen condition. Furthermore, we have an expectation of what love is, we have our own rules and principals that when violated we feel obligated to withhold our love or even stop loving a person compounded by our disappointment and anger we feel towards the person.

Expectations are one thing, the truth of God's love is another. We must feel love to be loved, if we feel none of God's love, then we certainly can't know God, because God is love. To complicate the matter further if the only way we experience God's love is through humans then we will be constantly disappointed, about God's love.

Words alone cannot express God's love, honestly! There are no words to encapsulate God's love towards us it must be experienced under the most difficult of times for us to begin to understand God's love this is the reason so many feel God does not love them because they have a faulty expectation of what God's love is.

2Cor.12:9 He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest on me.

He that loves little forgives little are Christ words to the Pharisee as a prostitute wiped his feet with her tears. She, the prostituted, was taken by God's unmerited kindness towards her evil ways and loved Christ for God's love towards her. The Pharisee had an expectation of whom God loves, so he thought he was being loyal to God by withholding his love from this sinner. God's love didn't look at the person for what she had done, but who she was in her heart. Not even for what she would become. No! God loved her because God is love.

Luke.7:37 Behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of ointment. 7:38 Standing behind at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and she wiped them with the hair of her head, kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. 7:39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "This man, if he were a prophet, would have perceived who and what kind of woman this is who touches him, that she is a sinner."

Such think was unbelievable to a religious person the Pharisee and to those who were his friends, but Christ was not distracted by their - - lack of love, fearing so he withholding his own love for this noted woman in their community.

3.

Christ love was not a pretext an act, it was everlasting without the expectation and conditions human place upon God's love.

Luke.7:40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." He said, "Teacher, say on." 7:41 "A certain lender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 7:42 When they couldn't pay, he forgave them both. Which of them, therefore, will love him most?" 7:43 Simon answered, "He, I suppose, to whom he forgave the most." He said to him, "You have judged correctly." This woman experienced the love of God not in words, not in religious words, but in love, the love of God felt through Christ moved her heart in deep profound gratitude, she was loved by God although everyone in her world hated this her publicly. Luke.7:44 Turning to the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered into your house, and you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. 7:45 You gave me no kiss, but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss my feet. 7:46 You didn't anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. 7:47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." 7:48 He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

She had no expectation of what God's love should do for her, she couldn't imagine God could love her, let alone love her so much that she was allowed to minister to the Son of God in front of the whole world, and at this point, a world's opinion that didn't matter one wit it didn't exist in heart, her heart was focused was on God and showing his son appreciation out of her own love.

Sadly, so few of us experience the love of God because he who loves little forgives little.

God is Love You see, God is love that is not a word, a rule, a law, or even our love, it is an experience found in the life of God himself, it is experienced when we can't forgive ourselves, when we can't imagine that God loves us, when we feel unworthy of God's love, when we feel God hates us.

1 John 4:19 We love Him, because he first loved us.

When it goes against everything in this world, even against our choicest thoughts of what God's love is. Then in those moments, he comforts us with his love and we can't imagine why? There no expectations there is only the reality of life in us, God's love. God loves us, but it is our own expectations that become demands that removes the truth of God's love from us. We find we have no experience in the comfort of God's love, because are relationship is found in knowledge, in doctrine, in expectation, we have to let that go to experience the life of God in us, which is love.

1Cor.13:1 If I speak with the languages of men and of angels but don't have love, I have become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. 13:2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but don't have love, I am nothing. 5.) 13:3 If I dole out all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don't have love, it profits me nothing.

The words, grace, undeserved kindness, unmerited kindness, are not living in us they are written on paper or in a song, but the truth is some of us experience the reality of the living life of Christ in our hearts. That he is grace in us, and to us, he is kindness in us. That is not experienced because we are better it is not a legal action on paper, of what we think we can do, or not do to have undeserved kindness.

Christ Our Life

Christ Our Life those words are almost meaningless when saying Christ our life from knowledge alone, it unlike our saying this is my life, why? Because we live in it, we experience our life rather anyone else gets it or not, we live in our own life. It is our life good or bad?

Unfortunately, we can't seem to understand because of our expectation that we are Christ life good or bad. Of Course, that is only a statement which is meaningless if we can't experience Christ-life in us when we are good and bad his live bearing witness to the real truth of God's love that he still loves us. But loving us not for what we judge ourselves to be, or even what others are judging us, God loves us for who we are, not what we think we are or need to be loved by God for, nor what we think we should become before God loves us.

1 Corinthians 13:8 Love never fails.

Thus, we must come to experience Christ-life in us to understand the love of God. God unlike us, does not make excuses for our bad conduct as all of us human's do when we make a mistake or have a bad day.

We might even have a perfectly good reason why we did something bad, or good, but God does not need to do that with us? Do you know why?

Hard to Accept

This signally is the hardest thing for us to accept, but it need be said one more time. Human's have no idea how to forgive someone once for all time because our forgiveness is based on emotions, emotions that don't seem to go away, despite our best efforts. But we can have the good sense about ourselves not to openly bring up the past that we've said we have forgiven someone, but under the right circumstances, it will flair back up time and again.

We are not truly free of that past hurt, we are human's and we fall short of God's glory. But when God puts away our sins once for all times, heavy emphasis on the "once for all times". Those sins actually exist no more with God. He will never bring them up again, but this is only part of the glory we must understand how God always loves us no matter what we think we are, or judge we are, or even what we think God does, or do or does not do?

Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Could oppression, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Romans 8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lets us go back in the history of God's people to take some of the edges off this subject.

Israel after being in bondage for hundreds of years, under slavery in Egypt. God sent forth a deliver to his people in bondage. That deliver was Moses; at the last plague upon Egypt God had Israel prepare a meal to denote their completed deliverance from Egypt, which was called the Passover meal. God commanded Israel to prepare the meal, kill the Passover lamb and sprinkle its blood on the doorpost and over the top of the door of their home.

In this manner when the angel of death came to the door where the Passover lambs blood was sprinkled he would pass over that house and not kill its firstborn seeing the blood.

God angel look at what? The sins of the householders? The religion of those in the house? Remember there was a vast mix crowd of people not Israelite's among those delivered that were not of Israel faith?

But none of that matter it was the importance of the blood and putting faith in that blood that counted with God.

Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to him, for he who comes to God must believe that he exists and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him.

Yet. Christ did even more for us, as our Passover lamb the gift of God's love; the real Passover lamb once for all times. Ask yourself what causes God's anger? It is sins of our flesh, man is born into sin causing wrath between God and us, and what does that mean? Well, it may not be what we think when hearing the word wrath?

Anytime one is under judgment for sins of the flesh we are against God, we under God's wrath, who can't sin, or can he accept sin being an incorruptible Spirit being. Light and darkness cannot be together they are opposed to each other simply because of their nature. 9. The word wrath in your bibles means God is against sin, not us there can be no peace with God for sinners. The two are opposed to each other.

Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's wrath through him.

So God fixed the problem once for all time, how? It was fixed by being in Christ where God removes our flesh, that is, God's wrath,

against the sinful flesh, it has been killed, which means put to death when we are baptized into Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God didn't appoint us to wrath, but to the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God when dealing with us is not looking at our flesh, its dead. He is looking at our new life, which is in Christ Jesus. God loves us because we are in Christ our Passover lamb. God knows us before we were born, he knows who we really are in truth and love the rest is the trials of our dead flesh that our souls are being perfected in God's own love.

When we see that even in our deepest dark times the life of Christ Jesus in us working we know God's love; that he is always with us no matter how ugly our flesh is judging us, and others are judging us.

No! God does not hate us not in the least little bit he always remembers who we are even when we can't, not what we think we should be to honor God, or what we will become, or who we should be.

It would not matter one bit if we lost our mind and ended up in a mental institution and every human in this world denied us, God would never leave us no matter how ugly the crimes or what the world said about us or judges us to be! It would be at those times we'd experience the greatest comfort from the Holy Spirit in God's kindness, love, and compassion something beyond human words.

This is why we must stand in grace, always, this is why we experience so many trials in our dead flesh so we ourselves become to be what? Like our Father a vessel of compassion and mercy for others.

God is not against us, he is against sin, he has dealt with our sins once for all times, but do we have faith in God's love? Have no fear if we don't, we are still his, if we can't, he will not fail us or leave us. God's love never leaves us the greater the evil the greater God's love.

Hebrews 13:5 Be free from the love of money, content with such things as you have, for he has said, "I will in no way leave you, neither will I in any way forsake you."{Deuteronomy 31:6}

Psalms 89:2 I indeed declare, "Love stands firm forever. You established the heavens. Your faithfulness is in them."

1 Peter 3:8 Finally, be all like-minded, compassionate, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, courteous.

Micah 7:19 He will again have compassion on us. He will tread our iniquities under foot; and you will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, humility, and perseverance; Romans 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

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