

Romans # 126

“The Love of Christ”

Romans 8:35-37

2nd Timothy 1:7

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Many people lose sight of the plan of God when they begin to suffer too much.

God’s righteousness is perfect and God loves His perfect righteousness and God’s righteousness is imputed to us without destroying this perfection, therefore, God loves us.

Separation from the Lord Jesus Christ and His love for us is impossible, so once we believe in Jesus Christ, we have God’s righteousness and the love of each member of the Trinity; in this case, Jesus Christ who loves us because we possess His righteousness.

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ for us any more than anything can separate Jesus Christ from His own perfect integrity.

The love of the Father and Son does not provide blessing for us; their righteousness in us demanding blessing from God’s justice does and it’s their love that frames our relationship with them forever.

Until the judgment seat of Christ, God will always deal with us in His justice.

At the moment of salvation, every believer passes the point of propitiation, under maximum divine love.

When it comes to the command to love the brethren (members of the royal family of God), that’s strictly limited to a mental attitude love produced by the filling of the Holy Spirit and by spiritual growth leading to maturity.

God must be the subject of the verb before any verb can refer to divine love.

Category 1 love is the believer’s capacity to love God and respond to God’s love based on biblical truth in his soul and this love is at its maximum point when the believer reaches spiritual maturity and total occupation with Jesus Christ.

Since God is invisible and the object of category 1 love, we must see and love Him through His Word in our souls.

The rebellious believer doesn’t love God because he’s under Satan’s policy of evil and the immature believer can’t love God either because he too lacks truth in his soul.

We cannot love God unless we know God and we cannot know God unless we have processed enough pertinent truth, 1st Peter 1:8 *Though you have not seen Him, you love Him and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.*

God does not possess life, He is life, we possess life; God does not.

The life that God is, is infinite, eternal, unending, unchanging life and part of God’s life is love.

God is sovereign; therefore, His love is self-motivated, totally compatible with His divine

essence and compatible with all His decisions.

God is eternal; therefore, God's love exists eternally unsustained by Himself or any other source.

There never was a time when God did not have perfect love and since God is love, always has been love and always will be love, He cannot fall in love.

Since God cannot be anything less than perfect nor anything less than fair, this includes the use of His divine love.

Because God is holy, His love can only function in perfect virtue, honor and integrity. *The honor and integrity of the believer out of fellowship does not exist and if he does not see that it does not exist, legalism builds a false honor and integrity that wipes out all capacity for love in life.*

God's love always functions in a rational manner and it's devoid of emotional content. Divine love is never involved in any form of hatred and it never reacts.

GOD CAN ONLY REVEAL HIMSELF IN TERMS OF TRUTH.

When man changes, it often appears as though God is changing but in reality, God remains consistent with His own perfect unchangeable character.

Rejection of God's magnificent eternal love never results in any form of sinful or evil reaction by God.

Since divine integrity is maintained by the sovereignty of God and His incorruptible, infinite, unchanging virtue; God's love can never be compromised by anything He does or says nor can its capacity ever be diminished or limited.

Man's sinfulness and failure cannot and does not change or affect God's unchangeable divine love.