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Thoughts from our Pastor:

In Jesus, You Will Not Perish

John 3:16 - 17 *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world "*

I refuse to debate the thought that God "loves every person in the world" on two grounds. First, it contradicts the context of the scripture because God hated Esau and God hates the "workers of iniquity" Psalms 5:5 If God hates anyone then it is preposterous to believe that God could love everyone because God cannot change. Second, God does not allow those He loves to enter hell. God has grace on those He loves and sent Jesus to redeem them. He loved them before the foundation of the world and His love will never change. God made vessels of honor that He loves and vessels of dishonor that He hates. This was the Potters choice before the world began as to what to create out of a lump of clay. God's love extended beyond Israel; therefore, God's love was to Gentiles also which was at one time a great mystery. *"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (28) Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:"* Colossians 1:27 - 28 So, the true thought of this scripture is not that God loved every soul in the world, but His love was extended beyond the Jewish nation.

But the great truth here is that God did love some of mankind, and in that love, God sent His Beloved Son, His very own seed born of a blessed woman named Mary to make a redemption for those He loved. Not just for Nicodemus and the Jews, but also for the Gentiles like me that have trusted Jesus Christ as their Saviour. What a beautiful love this is, that the Holy God of creation loved a sinner like me, who was born at enmity against Him, and personally redeemed me. God gave His own dear Son, that is God delivered-up Jesus His own seed that I might not have to perish in the eternal flames of hell. Paul wrote these words speaking to the church in Rome; *"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"* Romans 8:32 Peter in his Sermon at Pentecost said these words, *"Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: (23) Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: (24) Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it."* Acts 2:22 - 24

God gave His Son, Jesus, His Only Begotten Son, that is His only born, that is, His sole child and allowed Him to be delivered-up for me and you if you are saved. God did this so that I would not perish, *“but have everlasting life”*. Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul!

John continued with these words, *“God sent”* which means God set apart Jesus His Son before the foundation of the world, to send Him on a Mission trip to this world to be God’s redemptive Lamb of sacrifice. Jesus said, *“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”* John 5:30 God the Father sent Jesus, just as Jesus said, *“As the Father hath taught me, I speak those things.”* John 8:28 For one main purpose, to die for the redemption of those The Father loved. Jesus was not dispatched on His mission trip to judge and condemn, but to redeem the Fathers chosen. Jesus said, *“I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.”* John 8:26 His mission was not to condemn the world, but to redeem them because that was His Fathers Will. The Just for the unjust, the Righteous for the unrighteous. Jesus will one day judge the sins of man, but not while He was sent in grace, mercy, and in peace as our redeemer. While we are in the age of The Grace of God, Him redeeming His people, those He loves in the spere of time so that we do not perish in the end with the vessels fitted for destruction. It is *“through him(we) might be saved.”* If we believe in the record of God and believe that in Jesus Christ, we can have eternal life and not perish as the lost will. *“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”* John 3:18

21 things that Christ’s (local) Church had before Pentecost

By Baptist Elder S.E. Anderson

1. Believers before Pentecost had the Gospel. (Matt. 4:23; Acts 19:4)
2. Believers before Pentecost were genuinely converted. (Luke 1:15-17; 19:1-10)
3. Believers before Pentecost were baptized after conversion. (Matt. 3:6-8)
4. Believers before Pentecost had Christ as their Head. (Matt. 23:8)
5. Believers before Pentecost were instructed in Church polity. (Matt. 18:15-20)
6. Believers before Pentecost were ordained. (John 15:16)
7. Believers before Pentecost were commissioned (Matt. 28:16-20)
8. Believers before Pentecost were organized enough for their needs. (John 13:29)
9. Believers before Pentecost had a missions program. (Matt. 10:1- 11:1)
10. Believers before Pentecost had the essentials of church-life. (Evangelism, service and worship, and the presence of Christ among them) (Matt. 4:9; 18:20)
11. Believers before Pentecost had qualified pastors. (John 21:15-17)
12. Believers before Pentecost had the Lord’s Supper. (Matt. 26:26-30)
13. Believers before Pentecost had the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22)
14. Believers before Pentecost had Divine power to do Christ’s work. (Luke 9:1)
15. Believers before Pentecost sang “in the midst of the church.” (compare Heb. 2:12; with Matt. 26:30)
16. Believers before Pentecost had prayer meetings. (Acts 1:14)
17. Believers before Pentecost had business meetings. (Acts 1:15-26)
18. Believers before Pentecost had a membership roll. (Matt. 10:2-4; Acts 1:13-15)
19. Believers before Pentecost were united into a church in such a way that they could be “added unto.” (Acts 2:1 & 41)
20. Believers before Pentecost had Christ as their Foundation and Corner Stone (Matt: 16:18; 1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20)
21. Believers before Pentecost had Christ for a time as their pastor (“poimen”). Eph. 4:11 & John 10:14.

Church News:

Please remember our upcoming Bible Conference September 16 6:00pm – 8:00pm and September 17 9:00am – 4:00pm (times are subject to change)