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Thoughts from our Pastor:

God Loves You Believer!

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

If you're a Christian always remember these words "God loves you" He always has and He always will, no matter what happens in your life, God loves you. Christians need to be reminded that God's love is not shown in only good things in our life, but in our salvation, in His mercy, and in His grace that He gives to us every day. God loved us so much that He sent His very own Beloved Son to redeem us in His death, burial, and resurrection, and by the shedding of His glorious blood. Christian, whatever happens in your life on this earth does not add to or subtract God's love to us. Therefore, we can not count God's blessings by money, houses, cars, worldly possessions, or your status on this earth. Our blessing in life is what we do to bring glory to God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. There are a lot of biblically unintelligent people who try to tell you to measure blessings on what you good have in this life. God paints us a much different image in the scriptures, God tells us that we shall have trials, tribulations, and even persecutions. God tells us that we will suffer for His sake because our Saviour suffered for us. No, our blessing from God is not our possessions but rather our walk on this earth for His glory. God told us, *"that all things work together for good to them that love God,"* When Jesus saved Saul of Tarsus Jesus said, *"But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: (16) For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake."* Acts 9:15 - 16 The Apostle Paul did suffer, while many of God's blessing were with Him in what he accomplished he suffered much for the Lord, even being jailed three times. Almost all the Apostles suffered martyrdom when they died. Tens of millions of God's children suffered martyrdom when they were murdered in the so called "dark ages" and millions more through out other parts of history. Even today countless Christians in this world live in or below poverty and still count themselves worthy to call God their Father and tell you how blessed they are. Our blessings as Christians are our walk in the Lord, it has nothing to do with our possessions in this life, but those we carry with us into heaven called crowns and rewards. Peter and the other Apostles were arrested and persecuted for preaching the gospel, but they said, *"Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."* Acts 5:29 They did not mind the arrest, the persecution, they just wanted to obey God, no

matter the cost, it was a blessing. *“And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.”* Acts 5:41 What is your blessing in life, a new home, a new car, more money, or serving the Lord even in persecution. Would it be a blessing to die a martyr’s death for the Lord? Would you still attend church if the government prohibited it, or would you just stop going. Folk’s, our blessing in life is our service to the Lord, anything you do in righteousness is a glory to Jesus our glorious Saviour. We must understand that God has predestinated our life, God is our Saviour in life, and God will bless us for our labor for His glory. Not necessarily with earthly possessions but with rewards that will last and eternity. What is your blessing, do you sacrifice for the Lord, do you attend church no matter what? *“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.”* Acts 5:42 Nothing happens in a Believers life that God has not ordained for them, therefore if bad things happen in your life, count them blessings also and never forget that God is holding you up.

"Does God Love Everyone?"

By Arthur Pink

One of the most popular beliefs of the day is that God loves everybody, and the very fact that it is so popular with all classes ought to be enough to arouse the suspicions of those who are subject to the Word of Truth. God's love toward all His creatures is the fundamental and favorite tenet of Universalists, Unitarians, and Theosophists, Christian Scientists, Spiritualists, Russellites, etc. No matter how a man may live in open defiance of Heaven, with no concern whatever for his soul's eternal interests, still less for God's glory, dying perhaps with an oath on his lips—notwithstanding, God loves him, we are told. So widely has this dogma been proclaimed, and so comforting is it to the heart which is at enmity with God—we have little hope of convincing many of their error. That God loves everybody is, we may say, quite a modern belief. The writings of the church fathers, the Reformers, or the Puritans will (we believe) be searched in vain for any such concept. Perhaps the late D. L. Moody—captivated by Drummond's *The Greatest Thing in the World*—did more than anyone else in the last century to popularize this concept. It has been customary to say God loves the sinner though He hates his sin. But that is a meaningless distinction. What is there in a sinner but sin? Is it not true that his "whole head is sick" and his "whole heart faint," and that "from the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness" in him? (Isa 1:5-6). Is it true that God loves the one who is despising and rejecting His blessed Son? God is Light as well as Love, and therefore His love must be a holy love.

To tell the Christ-rejecter that God loves him is to cauterize his conscience, as well as to afford him a sense of security in his sins. The fact is, the love of God is a truth for the saints only, and to present it to the enemies of God is to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs (Mat 15:26). With the exception of John 3:16, not once in the four Gospels do we read of the Lord Jesus, the perfect teacher, telling sinners that God loves them! In the book of Acts, which records the evangelistic labors and messages of the apostles, God's love is never referred to at all! But when we come to the Epistles, which are addressed to the saints, we have a full presentation of this precious truth: God's love for His own. Let us seek to rightly divide the Word of God and then we shall not be found taking truths which are addressed to believers and misapplying them to unbelievers. That which sinners need to have brought before them is the ineffable holiness, the exacting righteousness, the inflexible justice, and the terrible wrath of God.

Church Announcements:

Happy Birthday Sister Rebecca Johnson Sunday September 25th

We would like to thank all our Bible Conference Speakers for their grace to attend and speak at our 18th Annual Bible Conference. Also, to Brother Justin Hall for playing our piano, and all those who sang specials. We had a blessed conference!