

Sunday, May 27, 2007

1John 3:16-18

1John 3:16-18 By this we have known the love of God, because He laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brothers. But whoever has this world's goods and sees his brother having need, and shuts up his bowels from him, how does the love of God dwell in him? My children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Do you feel loved?

In life, one of the most basic needs of any human is the need of love and acceptance. In pursuing these, people will sometimes do the weirdest things. We often find that our children will get involved in wrongful activities, like drug abuse, smoking and alcohol abuse, and even involved with petty thefts and gangs, just to experience some form of acceptance.

In life, we yearn for someone that will love us so much, that they would even lay down their life for us. I can only be truly happy, should I be able to find someone that will love me to the extend that they will do everything in their power to make me feel loved and accepted, someone that will sacrifice their all to ensure my happiness and security. How few are the people that know such love.

But, we do have someone that does love us that much. No, its not your parents, husband, wife, kids, boyfriend or girlfriend. It is Jesus. Are you aware that if it was not possible for Him to save you from sin, He would not have died on that cross? His sacrifice for you is more than sufficient for your salvation. When Jesus was nailed to the cross, it was you and I that were on His mind. For that reason, He did not call upon His host of angels to come and save Him from that cross, but suffered its pain, it humiliation, and its end result. We have all heard that it was not the nails that held Jesus on the cross, but His love for you and me.

How could Jesus have loved me so much? How is it possible for me to be deserving of such love, as I did nothing to be receiving such love? When we look at a similar verse, not in 1John 3:16, but in John 3:16 we read, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"

Face it, God loves you! It is a perfect love, which paid the ultimate price of life. Maybe then, we should be living as grateful people, for such a great love showed to us. Maybe we should be the one, going around, glowing like a young lady that found the love of her life, and not as we so often do, as somber, and depressed people, just because we have forgotten the love that was given to us.

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