

What's Love Got to Do with It!



There was a time when a Minister of the Gospel was asked a question; *"What or who is God?"* She replied with a simple answer; *"God is love and He loves you and we are precious to Him."* Truly, there are three things mentioned in the Scripture about the nature of God.

1. God is Spirit.(John 4:24)
2. God is Light.(1 John 1:5)
3. God is Love.(1 John 4:8)

"But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love." - 1 John 4:8 NLT.

Love is not merely one of the attributes of God but His very nature. Where there is love, there is God. We are reconciled to God because of His uncommon Love for us. God loved the world so much that He gave His Son. Jesus Christ loved the world so much, loved you, loved me so much that He gave His life. First John 4:10 Amp. Bible says;

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation [that is, the atoning sacrifice, and the satisfying offering] for our sins [fulfilling God's requirement for justice against sin and placating His wrath]."

The cross is a symbol of unconditional Love. It is the Lord saying to me and you that despite our flaws, shortcomings, and sins, we are still worth His blood. Calvary can simply be described as the supreme demonstration of Divine love.

Today in many places of worship, they will be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is very right but Easter is much more than the *"miracle"* of an empty tomb. The whole essence of His resurrection is the full manifestation of His love and God's love for us.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8 NIV

Any uniqueness about this uncommon love?

a. It is unlimited

His love for us is boundless, it is without limit. It can not be estimated and goes beyond every understanding.

No wonder Apostle Paul in Ephesians 4:2 KJV refers to it as a 'great' love.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us."

b. It is eternal

His love for us is from everlasting to everlasting. It transcends this earth into the great beyond, the heavenly. The book of Jeremiah 31:3 NKJV says;

“The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness, I have drawn you.”

c. It is unbiased(neutral)

God's love is beyond what anyone can earn. Good work, hard work, and faith among others can't attract or prompt it. There is nothing in us that merits this kind of love. It is given according to His free will and surprisingly it is given in the manner of His love for us.

“He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.”- 2 Timothy 1:9 NIV

d. It is holy

It must be emphasized that whatever has to do with God is ever holy. This love reigns through righteousness. His love never conflicts with His holiness even in His own people. God is love. God is Holy. Therefore, His love is holy.

“For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.” - Hebrews 12:6 NLT

(THIS IS JUST A WARNING FOR THOSE HIDING UNDER GRACE TO SIN)

e. It is gracious

This love of God is given by grace. God out of His love for us sent His only begotten Son to save us but out of His grace, we are saved. Christ died not in order to make God love us, but because He did love His people.

So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.”- John 5:19 NLT

The love of the Father and the love of the Son culminated in the reason for the Season.

“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 KJV

Getting connected to this love?

Although this love can't be earned you can line up or put yourself in a position to contact or connect with it. Loving God is the ultimate anytime. Loving Him for who He is and nothing else. Loving God is the greatest commandment. There is no way you will have this love and you will not love God.

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”- Matthew 22:37 NIV

Many will be asking how can I love God that I cannot see. Agreed, God is Spirit and is present everywhere. To love God is to love His people. First John 4:20 NKJV says;

“If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?”

Also,

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.” - John 13:34 NLT

Hallelujah, loving people is not just a way of demonstrating our love for God but also, a “new” commandment. His commandment is a must for you to keep if you truly love Him.

“If you love me, obey my commandments.” - John 14:15 NLT

Some of the ways of showing love to people

1. Feeding the hungry
2. Giving water to those that are thirsty.
3. Providing clothes for the naked
4. Don't just pass by a stranger, render help if needed.
5. Caring for the sick
6. Showing kindness to people
7. Always looking for a need and meeting it

(Matthew 25:31-46)

As we are in the mood for Easter, show that you love God. Extend love to someone today. Not to someone that can pay you back or love you in return but to someone who needs such love. My question throughout this Easter period still stands: *Do you love your neighborhood or your neighbor?*

“Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.” - 1 John 4:7 NLT

Three things will last forever: faith, hope, and love but the greatest of these is love.(1 Cor.13:13) You might have been looking for love in all the wrong places. This is where the real love lies, the whole essence of life is found here.

He was stripped and shamed because of you and me. With love, “He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.” (Colossians 2:14 NLT)

How blessed to know that when the whole world hates you, Jesus Christ loves you.

In Him lies the greatest love ever, in Him rests the joy of your salvation. This is what His love got to do with your celebration of His resurrection. Surprising!

Prayer

The Lord said the former things have passed away and that He will make all things new.

May your love for God be renewed henceforth in the name of Jesus Christ.

Receive a new love for His people in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

The grace to abide in His love forever be on you.(Amen)

Happy Easter Celebration.

I love you but Jesus Christ loves you above all.

Jesus Christ is Lord