

The Love of God – 16 Jan 2005

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Romans 5:5 says the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the holy spirit. The love of god; and you all know John 3:16, shall we all say together: for god so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that who so ever believeth on him shall not perish but have everlasting life. Do you believe that? Then what have you done for the whole world? Here is the world. No no no you don't believe that. I have been telling people you don't believe that. If you do, you won't think of your skin, you wouldn't think of your geographical position, you wouldn't say this is just the little area for which I will pray, this is just the region in which I am interested, this is my tribe, these are my people, this is my nation. You know it's all the time you know we are all getting more and more insular and we say god so loved the world and this love of god.... Where is it? Is it in your heart so that you can open wide your arms to the whole world? My dear friend's, let me tell you; it does not depend upon how rich you are. There is a misconception in the minds of the many people who say oh if only god gave me money I would do this and I would do that and I would that, nonsense. I don't believe if god gave you more money you would anything more for all I know you would do far less. God never gave me money for my projects. I had to lean on him, I had to go to him and he is the supplier. He is Jehovah Jireh. Today some people you know in some churches think they are running the place. They say I am the biggest giver around here. They are running the place. God's not running it. Jehovah Jireh isn't there, nothing of the sort. If you say you have the Holy Spirit you will have the greatest driving force in the world, greatest rocket power in the world. The love of God, the power of God, the compassion for sinners. You now sometimes I get into this grove of getting very annoyed. You know when people act stupidly and invite their troubles upon themselves, you know some times you lose your patience and get annoyed. Old Lot vexed his righteous soul the bible says. So when some of you get over vexed just say I am going to produce a Sodom after all. It's not vexation that speaks about a Christian a heart. It is compassion. I often say why is this man in this condition? it's because I didn't lift him. So I am to blame that puts things in right perspective. And so I say to myself, true, how much did I pray for him, how many tears did I rally shed for him, you know some times we think tears of self-love, you know self-pity, we have a little pity party and the tap is turned on and then you know my dear friends, we begin to blame this person and that person, pity parties only produce the.. not just one blaming finger but 10, this person, this person, this person, everybody but I am ok. No no no. Pity parties don't indicate that we are doing our job. God's love does not leave you destitute. We are of course in a time when people have taken over our streets with vice and wickedness so that an honest, righteous, upright citizen in the country is looked upon as odd ball, as a crank,

some kind of fool. Let's not be just turned off by these things, it's the heart. Why are people doing all these wear things? To draw attention; they are not happy in themselves. So they have to fix something to just draw attention to themselves. Sad, lonely people; why are they sad and lonely? We have hardly cared for them or lifted them.

Joel 2nd chapter 17th verse: let the priest, the ministers of the lord weep between the porch and the alter and let them say spare your people oh lord and give not your heritage to reproach that the heathen should rule over them. Wherefore should they say among the people where is their God?

Has anybody said that to you? Where is your god? You know friends, on one occasion when my father was addressing a meeting; some unruly elements lead by a communist leader had stones thrown at the meeting. You know my father said, god's Holy Spirit is working here and anybody who has had these stones thrown at this meeting, its open on all sides, no walls like this. You come and confess it otherwise there is danger. That communist leader who had organized this died. Nobody likes to see person died, but he was given due warning; God is working here, you don't dare do that. You see my friends; let the ministers weep between the porch and the pulpit. You know if some of us who say we are preachers really did that, I like to walk up and down in a place where I preach and pray and sigh, you know when we see the sorrows of people you can't help but weep because their lives are just plunged into such difficulties and complexities that it seems as though no human person can ever release them. I often find that the problems of men today are beyond human help. Yes, that's when we should ask the lord and say this beyond me lord, may be you can look at yourself and say I am beyond myself. Lord, it's for you to wipe away these tears and he will. So rend your hearts and not your garments. Let's do that. You know various communities, young doctor told us, something which puts my mind back upon people who are oppressed by these evil spirits, when she said let me try Jesus, the spirits whom the family were worshiping and it's a blood thirsty spirit, literally, and came to her and said what you are going to leave me? And I have had many people tell me that, that their god's appear or their demons appeared and said you're going to leave me? See what I am going to do to you. Most communities have their particular problems. As one of my sons was speaking to a cab man, the cab driver said, well I don't know where my wife is , I'm alright and my son replied, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. I was preaching in a place where an optometrist got converted and you know what he said, I wouldn't have paid any attention to any white man, why not? Does truth belong to white or black? No, truth is truth. But you see the prejudice of the heart. But the man repented and turned to the lord and one day he said to me you know my dad, he's an oxford man and now he has taken another wife. I felt so sad; you see some of these old cultural trades, irresponsibility, can't stay with one wife. Now, how many

people, pastors, of this area or some of you are dealing with this trait: What's wrong with you? Why are you such a slave to your lust that you must go running after half a dozen women, what's wrong with you? Don't you know that Jesus Christ teaches you righteousness and holiness. We don't want to address these problems at all. We say oh they are my people, my people, what nonsense your people? They are bringing shame to the name of Jesus. As I preach to various tribes and all kinds of places, all kinds of colors, I don't spare the truth. Rend your hearts and not your garments and let those of us who think we are something weep between the porch and the pulpit. Much of this situation is because of us. To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, it shall be counted sin.