

Victory Christian Ministries

1 John 5:4-5

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Oh Yes, He Loves Us!

Part II

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Romans 8:35-39

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When it comes to the love that God has for us, personally, I like to describe it this way: **"He can't help Himself."** Let me share with you from my own experience what I mean by this. I love cheesecake and butter pecan ice cream. Because some of my friends know this fact about me, when they want to do something special for me as a token of their appreciation they will surprise me with a home made cheese cake when I hold a meeting in their homes. If I am told to help myself to the cheesecake, trust me, I'm going to eat it, because I cannot help myself. I just like it too much!

I believe that God is so driven by His nature toward us that it is impossible for Him to be any

other way. **Love is!** We mean so much to Him that when He purposed to redeem us from spiritual death, He acknowledged that nothing created or that man holds dear was valuable enough to pay for it. How valuable and dear are we to Him then? In this world a thing is considered as valuable as how much someone is willing to pay for it. Remember the expression, "Somebody's trash is somebody else's treasure." God's appraisal for our redemption is beyond human potential: it is impossible. Consider the following Scriptures:

"They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; ⁷None of them can by any means redeem his brother,

nor give to God a ransom for him: ⁸(For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)" Psalm 49:6-8 KJV

Verse eight in the Amplified Bibles reads,

"For the ransom of a life is too costly, and [the price one can pay] can never suffice."

There is not enough silver, gold, precious stones, oil, you name it, that's enough to redeem one single soul. Let us make the assumption that the whole world could come to an agreement to sacrifice themselves so that at least one person of the entire human race could be saved. That would not be enough! Romans 3:23 sheds some light in the

matter, ***“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”***

So what value has God placed on us? **Himself!**
Glory be to God forevermore!

“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.” John 3:16

Oh yes, He loves us! If we would grasp the reality of this fact it would change our whole view and expectations not only of this life but of the life that is to come when mortality will become the more meaningless.

There are two qualities of God that I ponder many times in amazement. They are not spelled out in the Bible the way I will share them with you and you will be blessed if you are not offended by my approach. First, God is “hard headed” and secondly God is “narrow minded.” I say this because of His determination and drive to love us. Let me explain. When we claim God’s promises, more often than not, we pray to him as if he had not made up his mind concerning us and we give the impression that we are trying to convince him to think and act the way he

defines himself in his Word. A waste of time when you think about it carefully.

God is so persuaded of his own words that he cannot draw back from them.

In Matthew 24:35 the Lord declares,

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”

In the book of Numbers 23: 19-20 what the prophet declares is what God declares,

“¹⁹God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good? ²⁰Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.”

If He redeemed us from the position that we were in when we were not even interested in Him or trusted Him; we should know that He is not going to change His mind concerning us, never!

*“⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, **for His great love wherewith He loved us,** ⁵Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) ⁶And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: ⁷That in the ages to*

come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Ephesians 2:4-9

Is not our Savior awesome or what?

When He stepped into our hearts when we received him as our Lord and Savior, He did not do it blind folded; He knew very well what He was stepping into and there is not anything or any body that can make Him change His mind. Paul caught the revelation of this when he wrote in Romans,

*“³⁵**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. ³⁷Nay, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.** ³⁸For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:35-39*



Mission Trip to Latvia

In December 2006 we helped send Debbie Irving and Pam Tarver on a mission trip to Latvia in the former Soviet Union. They had planned on spending a couple of weeks there ministering to children but God had other plans and used them to minister to adults as well. Here are a few pictures that they sent to us.

In a letter that they wrote to us they shared that everywhere they went lives were changed through Salvation, infilling of the Holy Spirit and healings. They were able to go to Dogda, Latvia where they took part in a Bible study and were able to pray with a family and share their personal testimonies, along with leading another families daughter to the Lord. They then went to Riga and then Jekabpils where they took part in a church service and a children's Bible study. They also traveled to Gulbene, Gulgaska. They were able to teach in school where 100 children and adults attended their Bible study! Many were saved, healed

and touched by the Lord in special ways.

Thanks to all of you who support this ministry which allows us to join with others in their call in serving our Lord.

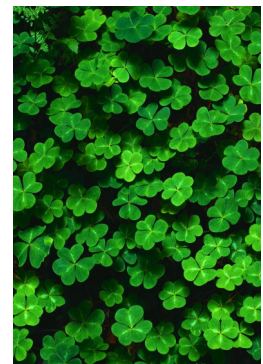
Many blessings!

Pictured to the right: The kid's at Good News Church in Jekapils, LV

Below top picture: Posha's Ministry in Dogda.

Beneath: Gulgaska School Worship.

Good News Church below with Debbie in blue and Pam in pink.



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2512 Pacific AVE

Tacoma 253-572-4582

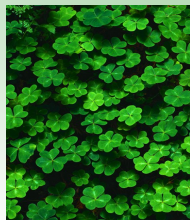
Pastor Linda Evans

Monday 12th 6:30 PM

Shilo Inn Tacoma

7414 South Hosmer

Tacoma 253-581-6373



Sunday 18th 6:00 PM

Evangel

6820 Capitol Blvd

Tumwater, WA 360-357-3652

Pastor James White

Sunday 25th & Monday 26th 7:00 PM

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Tuesday 27th 6:45 PM

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Home and private meetings not listed above.

If you are interested in scheduling a church or home meeting please contact the office at #253-581-6373.