

IN BONDS OF LOVE

Exo 21:2 If thou buy a Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

Exo 21:3 If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.

Exo 21:4 If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.

Exo 21:5 And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:

Exo 21:6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.

Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds (or in chains): that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

The Gospel is driven by God's Love

1. **We are creatures of self:** before we came to God everything was about me, mine and myself. If I didn't benefit by what was doing it wasn't worth doing.
2. **But when God's Love touched us, it was no longer about me it was about him and the world he died for.**

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

1Jo 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Rom 1:14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians;
both to the wise, and to the unwise.

Rom 1:15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel
to you that are at Rome also.

LOVE IS ALWAYS GIVING

1. You cannot love without giving:

Joh 3:16 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.

First, The world was in a ruinous, condemned state, about to perish
everlastingly; and was utterly without power to rescue itself from
destruction.

Secondly, That God, through the impulse of his eternal love,
provided for its rescue and salvation, He became like us that we
might become like Him.

Thirdly, That the sacrifice of Jesus was the only mean by which the
redemption of man could be effected, and that it is absolutely
sufficient to accomplish this gracious design

2Co 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that,
though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye
through his poverty might be rich.

That, though he was rich - The possessor, as he was the
creator, of the heavens and the earth; **for your sakes** he became
poor - he emptied himself, and made himself of no reputation, and
took upon himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself
unto death, even the death of the cross; that ye, through his
poverty - through his humiliation and death, might be rich - might

regain your forfeited inheritance, and be enriched with every grace of his Holy Spirit, and brought at last to his eternal glory.

Rom 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

He Gave:

Isa 50:6 I **gave my back to the smiters**, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Mar 15:19 And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing *their* knees worshiped him.

Mar 15:20 And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

Gal 1:4 **Who gave himself** for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and **gave himself for me.**

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and **gave himself for it;**

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Tit 2:14 **Who gave himself for us**, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

BIBLE EXAMPLES OF GIVING

Ecc 1:7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea *is* not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

1. **Women that was motivated by God's Love:**

Mat 26:6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

Mat 26:7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat *at meat*.

Mat 26:8 But when his disciples saw *it*, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste?

Mat 26:9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

2. **It was the good Samaritan that came where the wounded man was:**

Luk 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion *on him*,

Luk 10:34 And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

Luk 10:35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

3. **Our investment in the Kingdom will never go unnoticed by our Saviour:**

- a. **Quote #1: Martin Luther knew** when he said, "I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all, but whatever I have placed into God's hands, that I will always possess."
- b. **Quote #2:** Jim Elliot, the great missionary martyr in Ecuador said, "He who...He is no fool who gives away what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

4. **The Macedonia Church:**

2Co 8:1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

2Co 8:2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

2Co 8:3 For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves;

2Co 8:4 Praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

2Co 8:5 And *this they did*, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

5. **Paul Said:**

Act 20:22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

Act 20:23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

Act 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Act 20:25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

Act 20:26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I *am* pure from the blood of all *men*.

Act 20:27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

6. **I Feel as Your Pastor** A Driving Force of the Holy Ghost to Tell this church that we do not have much time left and we need to be about the Fathers Business: it is not time to be caught up with the cares of this life and the deceitfulness of riches that that day come upon us unaware.
- 7: **There are souls that need this Gospel**: “I must needs go through Jerusalem “; I must works the works of Him that sent me while it is yet day, the night cometh when no man can work”

2Co 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ.

2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2Co 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.

I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus