

WHAT MANNER OF LOVE

1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

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Behold, what manner of love - What love, in “kind” and in “degree.” In kind the most tender and the most ennobling, in adopting us into His family, and in permitting us to address Him as our Father; in “degree” the most exalted, since there is no higher love that can be shown than in adopting a poor and friendless orphan, and giving him a parent and a home.

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 fulness of God.

1. Never has anybody in the history of mankind, impacted this world like Jesus. More songs have been written than any other person in history. All the books of this world could not contain the miracles and the lives that Jesus touched. No man has left such an impact in the lives of His followers like Jesus. Followers left their occupations, families and friends to be part of His mission. They sacrificed their own goals, to be part of a greater goal, which was reaching a lost world and loving the souls of men and women. Only Jesus could bring about a lasting change in people’s lives. Their devotion was so great that they gave their lives for His cause. James was thrust through with the sword, Paul,

and John the Baptist was beheaded, Peter was hung upside down, because he did not feel worthy to suffer like the Lord.

Heb 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
Heb 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Heb 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Heb 11:36 And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

Heb 11:37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

Heb 11:38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.

Heb 11:39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

Heb 11:40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

STATEMENTS SAID ABOUT JESUS

1. Never have we heard a man speak like this man
2. What manner of man is this that even the winds and the seas obey Him
3. Come see a man that told me all things, is not this the Christ?
4. I find no fault in Him
5. Truly this was the Son of God.

GREATER LOVE

Joh 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

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Greater love hath ... - No higher expression of love could be given. Life is the most valuable object we possess; and when a man is willing to lay that down for his friends or his country, it shows the utmost extent of love. Even this love for friends has been rarely witnessed.

He was willing to die for enemies - bitter foes, who rejected his reign, persecuted him, reviled him, scorned him, and sought his life, 1Jo 4:10; Rom 5:6, Rom 5:10. It also shows us the extent of his love that he gave himself up, not to common sufferings, but to the most bitter, painful, and protracted sorrows, not for himself, not for friends, but for a thoughtless and unbelieving world. "O Lamb of God, was ever pain was ever love like thine!"

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.

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Rom 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

When we were enemies - The work was undertaken while we were enemies. From being enemies we were changed to friends by that work.

We were reconciled - We are brought to an agreement; to a state of friendship and union. We became his friends, laid aside our opposition, and embraced him as our friend and portion. It means that there were obstacles existing on both sides to a reconciliation; and that these have been removed by the death of

Christ; and that a union has thus been effected. This has been done in removing the obstacles on the part of God - by maintaining the honor of his Law; showing his hatred of sin;

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.

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

1Jn 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

GOD INTERNALIZED HIS LOVE IN US

1. I will be in you a well of living Water
2. With Joy shall ye draw water out of the well of salvation
3. With you now, but I shall be in you
4. Christ in you the hope of glory

2Co 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

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.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

FACES OF THE CROSS

1. **Mary Mother of Jesus**: Saw him as her son
2. **Mary Magdalena**: Whom seven devils were cast out: Deliver

4. **Blind Bartimaeus**; the **other nine lepers** (Finally came back): Saw Him as His Healer
5. **Lazarus**; (Mary, Martha): Saw Him as one who could raise the dead
6. **The Family of Jirus's Daughter**: Were so thankful
7. **Woman at the well**: Saw Him as her savior
8. **Nicodemus**: I am going to get a hold of this new birth message