

God's Love in the Flesh

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A. God's actions toward His people are for His glory

- Ezekiel 36:22-28 – not for our sake... to vindicate the holiness of God's name... I will sprinkle clean water on you... I will give you a new heart and new spirit
- If God doesn't save His people the nations will say God isn't strong enough to save His people Ezek 36:23
- God loves His chosen people Mal 1:12; Rom 9:13-16
- God loves His people through Jesus Christ John 3:16; 1 John 3:16

B. Many ways God shows us love that most fail to see

1. Your circumstances and exposure to the Gospel
Freedom; exposure to Gospel; blessings of family & church
2. God giving us His wise and judicious law
God's law shows us what is good & right. God's law doesn't deny us anything that is for our good. Much like telling a child not to eat a poisonous berry.
3. God's daily providence to mankind
God doesn't give what our sin & rebellion deserve: Gen 8:22; Mt 5:45.

C. God's love best seen in Christ's atoning work 1 John 3:16

1. Jesus did not need to die at all
hero = give life for another
Death had no power over sinless Jesus – Jn 19:11; Jn 10:17-18
He gave His life for sinners John 10:15
2. The sinners He saved had no claim upon His life
Potter & Clay: Isa 29:16; Jer 18:1-6; Rom 9:19-24
3. Jesus died by the hands of men as well as for their sake
Mk 15:6-13;
Do not live your life as if Christ doesn't matter: Rom 10:9; Heb 3:13-15
4. Jesus took upon Himself the shame & dishonor of our Sin
1 Pet 2:21-25; Mk 15:34; Jn 1:29; 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13
Do you see Christ's Love for YOU? 1 John 3:16; John 3:16-17
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