

Loved To The End

"Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end."

John 13:1

The statement "He loved them to the end" reveals that we do not possess a temporary love, but a kind of love that loves us to the end or to the uttermost. This love has its roots in eternity past according to **John 17:24** ("**Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.**") and Jeremiah 31:3 ("**The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.**"). It is the eternal love proceeding from the eternal life of God. From eternity past to eternity future, throughout time with all its battles and problems, this love-life remains constant. This means that nothing--neither sin, the flesh, the world, the devil, distresses, or human weakness--can separate us from that love. Praise the Lord! It is this love-life existing in the Son that we are called to partake of and constantly abide in.

We see the love-life of the Lord Jesus with the Father in eternity past. Also, when He was on earth, the Lord was abiding in the Father's love (**John 15:9-10** "**As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.**"). His entire earthly life was lived out in the unalterable atmosphere of the Father's love. In **John 17:4-5** the Lord prayed, "**I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**" These precious words imply that the Son will be restored to the state in which He existed in eternity past. And again in **John 17:24** the Lord said, "**Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.**" This request to the Father shows us how this love-life is concentrated in the Son. We all need to be touched with the realization that the love-life of the church, His bride, is nothing less than a participation in the very love that is concentrated in the beloved Son.

As He Is, So Are We

"And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world."

1 John 4:16-17

The context of these verses indicates that at this very moment on the throne, in the heavenly life between the Father and the Son, there exists a continuous motion of love between Them. The Son is in a wonderful, constant love relationship with the Father. This is the meaning of the phrase "**as He is.**" He is always and ever being loved by the Father. In the same way that the Father is presently loving the Son on the throne, He is loving us in this world. This is the meaning of the next phrase, "**so are we in this world.**" The intensity of love that the Father has toward the Son is the same intensity that He has toward us, because we are in His Son, and His Son is in us.

The Son is not the only beloved one. We are also beloved in Him. We too are the objects of the Father's love. It is so important that we see how this love is concentrated in His Son. It was concentrated in Him during His earthly life. It is now concentrated in Him in His heavenly life. And it is concentrated in us by virtue of His indwelling life. Because of our union with Him, as He is loved, so are we loved. He cannot be loved without us getting the benefit.

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Children's Memory Verse **3/8/26**

Numbers 23:19

"God is not a man, that He should lie,
Nor a son of man, that He should repent.
Has He said, and will He not do?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"