

## LOVE COVERS A MULTITUDE OF SINS

**TEXT: 1Pe 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging. 10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

**Probably an allusion to Pr 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.**

### **HOW SO?**

#### **GOD'S LOVE FOR US LED HIM TO GIVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON TO DIE FOR US.**

John 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.

1Jo 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Lu 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

1Jo 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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

1Jo 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.

**BUT THAT'S NOT PRIMARILY WHAT PETER IS TALKING ABOUT**

#### **JESUS' LOVE FOR US LED HIM TO SHED HIS BLOOD THAT OUR SIN MIGHT BE COVERED.**

2Co 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Ro 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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**OUR LOVE FOR GOD KEEPS US FROM SINNING AGAINST HIM.**

Mal 1:6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

23: If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

2Co 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us...

1Jo 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

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**OUR LOVE FOR THE LORD ENABLES HIM TO OVERLOOK MANY OF OUR MISTAKES AND SHORTCOMINGS.**

Lu 7:36 ¶ And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. 37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, 38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. 40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. \* \* \* Lu 7:44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. 45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the

same loveth little. 48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

Ro 4:4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. 6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, 7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Closing of Ephesians: Eph 6:24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

THIS IS GETTING CLOSE TO WHAT PETER IS TALKING ABOUT...

### **OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER KEEPS US FROM SINNING AGAINST EACH OTHER.**

1Th 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

Mt 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Ro 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. 9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

### **OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER CAUSES US TO OVERLOOK (FORGIVE) THE FAILINGS OF EACH OTHER. I BELIEVE THIS IS WHAT OUR TEXT IS TALKING ABOUT! 1 Pet. 4:8 "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging."**

DAVID'S OLDEST SON, SOLOMON WAS HEIR TO THE THRONE. BUT DAVID'S YOUNGER SON, ABSALOM HAD REVOLTED AND TAKEN THE THRONE AWAY FROM HIS FATHER, AND DAVID WAS FLEEING FOR HIS LIFE AT THE HANDS OF ABSALOM AND HIS WARRIORS. YET DAVID HAD GIVEN ORDERS TO HIS MEN NOT TO KILL ABSALOM, BUT IT SEEMS GOD HAD OTHER PLANS: 2Sa 18:9 And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away.

2Sa 18:31 And, behold, Cushite came; and Cushite said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. 32 And the king said unto Cushite, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cushite answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is. 33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

1Th 3:12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: 13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Pr 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

Pr 17:9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

1Co 13:7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

(1Jo 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.)

#### **FINALLY... OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER CAUSES US TO WANT TO BRING THEM TO CHRIST.**

Jas 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

2Co 5:19-21 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Tit 3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Jude 1:23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.