

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT? – PART 4  
UNDERSTANDING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

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*“<sup>14</sup> For Christ’s love compels us...” 2 Corinthians 5:14*

*“<sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. <sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.” Ephesians 3:18-19*

**I. HOW MUCH DOES JESUS LOVE ME?**

**1. JESUS LOVES ME SO MUCH, HE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ME**

*“<sup>28</sup> For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will.” John 6:38*

*“<sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven.” John 3:13*

**2. JESUS LOVES ME SO MUCH, HE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ME**

*“<sup>14</sup> Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—Jesus also became flesh and blood by being born in human form. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death. <sup>15</sup> Only in this way could he deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.” Hebrews 2:14-15*

*“<sup>6</sup> Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. <sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.” Philippians 2:6-7*

**3. JESUS LOVES ME SO MUCH, HE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ME**

*“<sup>14</sup> So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. <sup>15</sup> This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.” Hebrews 4:14-15*

*“<sup>18</sup> Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.” 1 Peter 3:18*

**THIS ACT OF LOVE INCLUDED:**

**i. Showing Me That He \_\_\_\_\_ What I’m Going Through**

**ii. Showing Me \_\_\_\_\_ In A Sinful World**

**iii. Teaching Me How To Have A \_\_\_\_\_ Life With The \_\_\_\_\_**

**4. JESUS LOVES ME SO MUCH, HE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ME**

*“<sup>7</sup> Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good. <sup>8</sup> But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:7-8*

<sup>15</sup> *For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed.*” Hebrews 9:15

<sup>33</sup> *“When we get to Jerusalem,” he told them, “the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. <sup>34</sup>They will mock him, spit on him, beat him with their whips, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again.”* Mark 10:33-34

**THIS INCLUDED:**

i. \_\_\_\_\_ For Me

ii. Being \_\_\_\_\_ For Me

iii. Being \_\_\_\_\_ For Me

**5. JESUS LOVES ME SO MUCH, HE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ME**

<sup>4</sup> *Then the angel spoke to the women. ‘Don’t be afraid!’ he said. ‘I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He isn’t here! He has been raised from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.’*” Matthew 28:5-6

**HE DID THIS:**

i. To Prove He Was \_\_\_\_\_

ii. To Give Me \_\_\_\_\_

**6. JESUS LOVES ME SO MUCH, HE \_\_\_\_\_ TO ME**

<sup>7</sup> *But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.*” John 16:7

<sup>26</sup> *“But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me. <sup>27</sup>And you must also testify about me because you have been with me from the beginning of my ministry.”* John 15:26-27

<sup>9</sup> *But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) <sup>10</sup>And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. <sup>11</sup>The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.”* Romans 8:9-11

<sup>13</sup> *And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. <sup>14</sup>The Spirit is God’s guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.”* Ephesians 1:13-14

**7. JESUS LOVES ME SO MUCH, HE IS SHARING HIS \_\_\_\_\_ WITH ME**

<sup>15</sup> *So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup>For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup>And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. <sup>18</sup>Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.”* Romans 8:15-18

<sup>25</sup> *God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his entire message to you. <sup>26</sup>This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God’s people. <sup>27</sup>For*

*God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.” Colossians 1:25-27*

## **II. THE ONLY APPROPRIATE RESPONSE?**

### **1. LIVE OUT THE \_\_\_\_\_ & THE \_\_\_\_\_ WITH EVERYTHING I’VE GOT**

*“<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Matthew 22:37-39*

*“<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20*