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We love him because he first loved us (1. Jn 4, 19)

Memory Verse:

Eph. 3, 17-19

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

Lesson Text:

Rom. 8, 34-39
Eph. 3, 14-19

Daily Prayer:

Jn 17, 21-23

1. Understanding the measure of the Love of God

Joh 3,16, Hebr 1,8.

A. The Incarnation

1. The second person of the divine Trinity took a human body to redeem us. **Phil 2,5-11, Isa 7,14 + 9,6**
2. It was when God had a son through Mary. **Mt 1,18-25; Lk 1,35; Jn 1,14**
3. It happened on a certain day. We cannot say that God had a son before this. **Heb 1,5-7**

B. The Son of God and Mary

1. He was not to see corruption in His body, but was to be resurrected before seeing corruption. **Ps 16,10; Acts 2,24-27**
2. He should never again return to death or to grave. **Acts 13,30**

C. God made his son a man (humanity)

Jn 17,5

Being in human form he was not eternal. He did have a beginning, for he was begotten.

2. Understanding the measure of the love of Christ

Rom 8,39; Ps 90,2; Mic 5,2

A. He was an eternal Being

1. Like God the Father, Christ had no beginning and will have no ending. **Ps 90,2**
2. Christ was to be born in Bethlehem, but he had been from everlasting.

B. He was in the form of God

Phil 2,6

1. Gr. *Morphe* – the outward form that strikes the vision, the external appearance.
2. He existed in the form of God by which He from eternity had appeared to the inhabitants of heaven.

3. He emptied himself of this equality He had with God and assumed the form of a servant and became like man.

C. Because he loves You he emptied himself.

1. Of his authority in heaven and earth, which was given back to him after his resurrection. **Mt 28, 18; Phil 2,9-11
Eph 1,20-23; 1.Pet 3,22; Jn17,5**
2. Of his divine attributes and outward powers that he had with the father. **Jn 2,11; 3,34, Isa 11,1-2**
He had no power to do miracles until he received the Holy Spirit **42,1-7; 61,1-2; Lk 3,21-22; Jn 8,38**
in fullness.
3. He could do nothing of himself. **Jn 8,38**

D. When you begin to understand how much Christ loves You

Eph 3,14-19

1. You will become rooted and grounded and he will dwell in your heart. **Eph 3,17**
Your faith will increase, because you love Him.
2. You will begin to comprehend (to receive fully). You will be able to understand **Eph 3,18**
the full measure of the love of Christ and God.
3. When one knows the love that Christ has for him, he will be filled with the fullness of God **Eph 3,19**
4. You will be strengthened with might (power) by His spirit in the inner (your) man. **Eph 3,16**

3. When you know the fullness of His love for you, you will likewise love him in return

Rom 8,34-37

A. The right hand of god.

Because He makes intercession for you, you will have power and will not be afraid of the devil.

Rom 8,34; Jn 17,20-23

B. Like Paul you will know...

Rom 8,35

...that nothing can separate you and Christ. Only when you know how much you love Him can this be a reality in your life.

C. Then..

Rom 8,36; 5,5-8

you will be willing to die for the one you love. He died for you because He loved you.

4. Inseparable

Rom 8,38-39

- A. Like Paul. You will make the bold statements of verse 38 and 39.
- B. We must become personally persuaded that nothing will be able to separate (come between) us from the love of God and Christ.