

Trust the Love! (Part 5)

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‘Trust the Love!’ Series

We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. – 1 John 4:16a

The Great Reset

The pandemic represents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world. – Klaus Schwab, World Economic Forum

- Man’s Great Reset** = Utopia without God and Christianity (= Dystopia!)
- God’s Great Reset** = Utopia with God and Christ (= Kingdom of Heaven on Earth!)

Preparation

How do we prepare for what is to come?

- By being devoted to the **Apostles’ teaching**. – Acts 2:42
- At the heart of the Apostles’ teaching is the **gospel of Jesus Christ**. – Romans 1:16
- At the heart of the gospel is the **love of God**. – 1 John 4:16

Know and believe the love of the Father!

The Text: Romans 8:15-39

- Romans 8 begins with the good news for all those believing in Jesus that there is **no condemnation**, even though we still struggle with sin and often fail. (Romans 7:21-8:1)
- Romans 8 then argues that there is also **no complacency** with sin for the believer since the evidence that we are sons of God is that the Spirit in us is leading us to fight to put to death sin and live to please God. (verses 2-14)
- It could be argued that Romans 8 concludes with **no fear** for the believer because there is nothing that can hinder God from loving us perfectly!

Trust and Love

1. The truth about God: God is the Supreme Good.
2. The truth about man: Man is an idol worshiper.
3. The truth about Jesus: Jesus is the double cure.

4. The truth about faith: Faith is trust in the promises.
5. The truth about love: Love is the obedience of faith.

The Love of God

1. The love of God gives us joy in God. (John 17)
2. The love of God is the heart of the good news. (1 John 4)
3. The love of God moves us to trust in Christ. (John 3)
4. The love of God moves us to love like Christ. (Ephesians 3)
5. ***The love of God does not always look and feel like love. (Romans 8)***

Overview

- The love of the Father is a ***'disguised' love*** that one day will be revealed.
- The love of the Father is an ***'all things' love*** that one day will be fulfilled.
- The love of the Father is an ***'in Christ' love*** that is the reality for all who have repented and believed in Jesus.

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The love of God does not always look and feel like love. The love of the Father for His children is not 'disguised' in the Word (but proclaimed clearly and loudly) but it is often 'disguised' in the experiences of God's children in a fallen world. – Romans 8:18-25

- Joseph** – Genesis 50:15-21
- Job** - Job 19:6-12; 27:1-2; 30:16-22
- Jesus** – Matthew 27:38-44

Application

- Does God care whether you ***feel*** loved? Did God care whether Job felt loved?
- Does God care whether it ***looks*** like He is loving you? Does God care whether other people think God loves you?

– 1 Corinthians 4:9-13; John 16:2; Revelation 3:7-13

Yes and no! God does want us to feel loved and will one day reveal just how loved we are, but that will never get in the way of Him actually loving us, even when it doesn't feel like love to us or look like love to others!