

Jesus Loves Me (and You)!

Jesus loves me! This is such a beautiful topic, but this will be a very short article. The love of God is hard to explain. We talk, sing and read about the love of the Father. But to truly understand God's love we must experience it. When we have such an experience we are never the same. It starts with your salvation experience. You realize how desperate you are for the Savior's touch and you invite Him to be Lord of your life.

Receiving God's love is not a one-time event. As we seek the face of God we experience and receive more of His love. There have been many times in my life when I've just plain screwed up. I begin to question how God can still love me. It's during those times He reaches down and gently reminds me of His love. Maybe it's a word He speaks directly to my heart, or a word delivered by a brother or sister in Christ, a scripture, a sermon, a Bible study...whatever the method, He is speaking love into each of us, are we listening or are we too busy and missing Him?

Just this morning I was faced with a choice...a decision needed to be made. I wanted to please Jesus, so I went to Him this morning to seek His desire for me in this situation. I had played over the scenario in my head and was getting no peace and no answer...in fact; the indecision was stealing my peace.

I took a few moments and soaked in the presence of Papa. We were dancing in a meadow together. We both were laughing. He was delighting in me and me in Him. I could feel His peace start to wash over me. He threw His head back in laughter and gave me my answer. It was like He was saying, "you silly girl, why are you worried over such things?"

Psalm 20:4 says, "May He grant you according to your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans." (AMP)

Here I was making a big deal out of what His will was and He's the one who placed the desire there in the first place!

He met with me and I was satisfied, but He is so good; He didn't stop there. He wanted me to be consumed once more with His love for me. There is an area in my life in which I am waiting on the Lord. It is very personal. I have laid it aside because it must be in His time, not mine. He spoke to me this morning about my waiting. He has noticed!!!! Because He loves me!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I cannot seem to find words to adequately describe how I felt in this moment. To experience the love of God to the very core of my being, to have been so overcome with His love I began to weep. Have you felt the intensity of His love? If so, you totally get what I am saying here. I will never be the same because of my time with Papa this morning!

I John 4:8 says, "God is Love." I Corinthians 13:4-7 is familiar to all of us..."Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." As I was reading this passage recently I thought, hmmm, if God is Love, than I can substitute God for love in this verse. This is how it would read:

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Do you know God is good, all the time? He is always in a good mood! Go here <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JoC1ec-lYps> to listen to "How He Loves Us" sung by Kim Walker. I was listening to this very song when God poured out His love on me this morning. I pray the anointing washes over you and you will, once again, be changed by the love of God!

I have shared a very intimate moment with the Lord with you in this article. It is my prayer you have many intimate moments of your own with the Lord. I would love to hear about them! If you struggle with intimacy with the Father I would love to pray with you and encourage you. You can contact me at amydover@iggm.org