



Gripped by His Love

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Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 8:35-39

All true love begins with this:
God in Christ loved us and forgave us.

Two Diagnostic Questions ... Rom. 8:28

- I. Do You _____?
- II. Have you been _____?

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- I. _____ and _____ can Separate you from the Love of Christ ...
Cp. Romans 8:35
- II. The Love of Christ is the Foundation of _____
Cp. John 13:34; 15:12-13; Ephesians 4:32-5:1; 1 John 3:16; 4:10-11
- III. Love Can Be and Must Be _____ ...
Cp. Ephesians 3:14-19
- IV. Before we _____, we will have to be Gripped by His Love ...
Cp. Romans 8:35

Some Reflection ...

- I. How often are you Awe Struck by _____?
_____?
- II. What is your greatest treasure in life? If it is not your _____, something is out of order.
- III. I long to Personally Grow in Love, _____?

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

HONESTY AND PRAISE IN PRAYER

What is the Posture of your Heart as you Pray, Worship, and Come into the Presence of God?

The ideal answer is that we would always come to the Lord with thanksgiving and praise! However, let's look at David in many of his psalms. He often starts out with questions and expressing a hurting heart! *"Why do You stand afar off, O Lord? Why do You hide in times of trouble?"* To be honest, I believe EACH of us sometimes comes into His presence with these same thoughts and emotions.

If you pay attention as you read the Psalms, you will discover that even when David honestly expresses his questions and sorrows, he never lingers there. He moves His focus from what he sees and feels upward by speaking out truths of who God is and how He works. He speaks God's promises back to Him. He doesn't allow emotions to rule but speaks out truths to pierce the darkness.

A summary of many of David's prayers is that he was brutally honest with His Father and expressed all he was experiencing along with his questions and doubts. But he didn't linger there! He moved to praise and thanksgiving and a full focus on the Lord.

In what ways might you change how you are going to God in prayer to experience a deeper sense of praise and thanksgiving?

How can you put yourself in a better position to express praise and thanksgiving?

- Be intentional to do so!
- Highlight and/or keep a journal of scripture that speaks God's promises, His character and His ways.
- Meditate on Scripture that speaks truth into the darkness.



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- II. Have you been **called by God**?

Gripped by His Love ... Rom. 8:35-39

- I. **No One** and **Nothing** can Separate you from the Love of Christ ...
Cp. Romans 8:35

- II. The Love of Christ ... The Foundation of **Love for Others**
Cp. John 13:34; 15:12-13; Ephesians 4:32-5:1; 1 John 3:16; 4:10-11

- III. Love Can Be and Must Be **Developed** ...
Cp. Ephesians 3:14-19

- IV. Before we **love as Christ Loved**, we will have to be Gripped by His Love ...
Cp. Romans 8:35

Some Reflection ...

- I. How often are you Awe Struck by **God's Love for You**?

- II. What is your greatest treasure in life? If it is not your **relationship with God**, something is out of order.

- III. I long to Personally Grow in Love, **how about You**?

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