

Our FATHER's LOVE and HIS Finished Work

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Introduction:

1 Samuel 16:7-8 God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but **the LORD looks at the heart**.

- Read: 2 Chronicles 16:9 He found David: Acts 13:22 **What about YOU?**

Proverb 16:2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but **the LORD weighs the motives**.

- A good example is the Rich Young Ruler: Mark 10:17-22

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both **bring to light** the things hidden in the darkness and **disclose the motives** of hearts

James 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with **wrong motives**, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

- What is the right motive??
- Answer: Why did GOD give His Son to be the Sacrifice for our sins?
John 3:16 **For God so loved the world that He gave**
- His Motivation **was Love**.
- Motivation – **why** we do **what** we do – IS VERY IMPORTANT

Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus religious works do not mean anything, but **faith working through love**. When love increases – faith increases

Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but **through love serve one another**.

1 Corinthians 13:13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but **the greatest of these is love**.

- ❖ The foundation on which everything in Christianity is built on is **LOVE**.

1 John 4:8 The one who **does not love** does not know God, for **God is love**.

Love must be the reason, the motivation, for everything we do.

- We all need MORE LOVE IN OUR LIFE.
- So How do we obtain that???

BY FOREVER LEARNING and KNOWING HOW MUCH JESUS LOVES US. And this is the purpose of this study.

A Study of:

Romans 8:28-30 And we **know** that **God causes all things to work together for good** . . .

- Not that all things are good, but that HE “causes all to work for good”
- Think about the immensity of this statement. His involvement in our lives. His Love that Motivates Him to “cause all, even the bad, to work for our good”

. . . to those who **love God**, to those who are **called** according to His purpose.

- It is like, at this point the Holy Spirit said to Paul as he was writing, “Let Me show you what HE has already worked for your good.”

²⁹For those whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined** to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰and these whom He predestined, He also **called**; and these whom He called, He also **justified**; and these whom He justified, He also **glorified**.

Isaiah 46:11 . . . Truly **I have spoken**; truly **I will bring it to pass**. I have planned it, surely **I will do it**. See also Isaiah 46:8-11; 55:8-11

Romans 8:28 And we **know** [do you know? and believe?] that **God causes all things to work together for good** [For Who?] to **those who love GOD** – [Who are the ones who love God?] **THOSE WHO ARE CALLED** according to **His purpose**. / **His Plan**.

- **THAT IS YOU** - You are here today because HE **CALLED YOU !** Because HE LOVES YOU ! Because - **HE was working all things together for your good**

So, Who does He Call?

Romans 8:29 . . . those whom He FOREKNEW . . .

Those He knew before they were born, in eternity past. Whose names were **written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb.** Revelation 13:8 & 17:8

From the Beginning HE had a Plan and was going to **work all things together for your good.** HIS Motive: **HE LOVED YOU!**

Here are some verses that proclaim that:

- Ephesians 1:4 **He chose us** in Him **before the foundation of the world**, [Because HE loves YOU and was working all things together for your good] **that we would be** (predetermined to be) **holy and blameless before Him.** Because of the BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST
- 1 Peter 1:1-3 To those . . . **who are chosen** according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father . . . who according to His great mercy has **caused us** to be **born again** to a living hope
Because HE loves YOU and was working all things together for your good. It is as JESUS said:
- John 15:16 **You did not choose Me but I chose you**

So, How SPECIAL are YOU ???

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God ! 1 John 3:1

YOU are HIS CHILD - Greatly Loved - Chosen and Called and

❖ You were Predestined / Predetermined to . . .

Romans 8:29 For those whom He **foreknew**, He also **PREDESTINED** to be conformed to the image of His Son.

- HOW GOOD IS THAT ??? To become like JESUS !!!

Other verses stating that HE Predestined us:

Ephesians 1:5 **In LOVE** [His motive] **He PREDESTINED us** to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will. His will is motivated by HIS LOVE.

Ephesians 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance, **HAVING BEEN PREDESTINED** according to **His purpose** who **works all things** [together for your good] after the counsel of **His will**

As a Sovereign, Almighty GOD, your FATHER who LOVES YOU is going to take care of YOU and see that it happens.

❖ Therefore: Because HE Loves You - He Called You.

Romans 8:30 and **these** whom He predestined, **He also called**

1 Corinthians 1:23-25 We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a **stumbling** block, to the Gentiles **foolishness**, ²⁴ but to "**those**" **who are called** . . Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

YOU ARE LOVED ! YOU ARE SAVED ! YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN AND YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN ETERNAL LIFE !

Hebrews 9:15 He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that . . . **those** who have been **called** may receive the **promise** of the **eternal inheritance**.

those who **love God** -> those who are **called** -> those He **foreknew** -> He also **predestined** -> He also **called**

❖ This is why WE LOVE our FATHER and Savior JESUS CHRIST.

- His irresistible call was to your heart, not your head.
You called His Name because HE FIRST CALLED YOU.

1 Cor. 1:2 To the church (ἐκκλησία - ekklesia **called out ones**) of God which is at Corinth, to **those** who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints with **all** who in every place **CALL on The Name of our Lord Jesus Christ**

- We CALL on HIM because HE FIRST CALLED US.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 **Faithful is He who calls you**, and He also **will bring it to pass**.

❖ Not one **of His** will miss the Call

John 6:37 **All** that the Father gives Me **will come to Me**, and the one who comes to Me I will **certainly not cast out**.

John 6:39 This is **the will of Him** who sent Me, that of **all** that He has given Me **I lose nothing**, but raise it up on the last day.

John 10:3 . . . **THE SHEEP hear his voice**, and **HE CALLS HIS OWN sheep by name** and **leads them** out.

John 10:4 When He puts forth **all His own**, He goes ahead of them, and the **sheep follow Him** because **they know his voice**.

John 10:26-29 But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. ²⁷**My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, **and they follow Me** ²⁸**and I give eternal life to them**, and they will **NEVER perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand**.

❖ Knowing this TRUTH gives us ASSURANCE & LOVE for our FATHER & LORD JESUS CHRIST. Therefore:

1 Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the **eternal life to which you were CALLED**, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Thess 2:12 so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the **God who CALLS YOU into His own kingdom and glory**.

2 Thess 2:14 It was for this **He CALLED YOU through our gospel**, that you may **gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

Hebrews 9:15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, **THOSE who have been CALLED may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance**.

1 Peter 2:9 But **you** are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, so that you may **proclaim** the excellences of Him who has **CALLED YOU out of darkness** into His marvelous light

Galatians 5:13 For you were **called to freedom** (from sin Rev.6:18, 22; self)

1 Cor 1:9 **you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ**

1 Peter 3:8-10 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; ⁹ not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but **giving a blessing** instead; for **YOU were CALLED for the very purpose** that **you might inherit a blessing**.

Acts 2:39 For **the promise is for YOU** and **your children** and for all who are far off, **as many as** (limited) the Lord our God **will CALL to Himself**.

Ephesians 4:1-3 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, **implore** you to **walk** in a manner **worthy of the CALLING** with which you **have been CALLED**, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, ³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

❖ Salvation does not end with The Calling:

those who **love God** -> those who are **called** -> those He **foreknew** -> He also **predestined** -> He also **called** -> He also **justified**
Because HE Loves YOU . . .

❖ He Justified You

Romans 8:30 and **these whom He called, He also justified**

Romans 3:24 being **justified as a gift** by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus 5:9 Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood**, we **shall be saved** from the wrath through Him.

Romans 5:1-3 Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom also we have obtained our INTRODUCTION by faith** into **this Grace** in which we stand; and we exult in hope of **the Glory of God**.

A verse that paints a Very Clear Picture of HIS Justifying work:

Colossians 2:13-15 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, "**HE**" **MADE YOU ALIVE** together with Him, having **forgiven us all** our transgressions, [How did HE do that?]
¹⁴having **canceled out the certificate of debt** consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it **out of the way**, having **nailed it to the cross**. [And the Blood of JESUS ran down, blotting out the list of our sins ! In doing this . . .]
¹⁵He had **disarmed the rulers and authorities**, He made a public display of them, having **triumphed over them through Him** – through JESUS !!!

It cost HIM a GREAT PRICE to “work all things together for our good” !

Revelation 5:9 **Worthy** is the LAMB that was slain and **purchased for GOD** men, women, boys & girls from every tribe, tongue, people and nation.

Salvation does not end with Justification:

❖ And He Glorified You

Romans 8:30 and these whom He justified, **He also glorified.**

In the eyes of THE LORD who sees the end from the beginning and “Who works all things after the counsel of His will” (Eph.1:11)

Which is to work all things together for your good . . .

It Is Finished !

HE is The ALPHA and the OMEGA . . . Revelation 1:8

Therefore: **HE SAVED US**, not because of righteous things we had done, but **because of His mercy.** Titus 3:5

2 Timothy 1:9 **HE** has **saved us** and **called us** with a holy calling, **not according to our works**, but according to **His own purpose** and **grace** which was **granted us** in Christ Jesus **from all eternity**,

It is as Jesus said, **"It is finished !"** John 19:30

Just as the HOLY SPIRIT said through the Prophet Isaiah 46:11

Truly **I have spoken**, truly **I will bring it to pass.** I have planned it, surely **I will do it.**

Isaiah 46:9-10 For I Am God, and there is no other; I Am God, and there is no one like Me, **¹⁰Declaring the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, **My purpose will be established**, and **I will accomplish ALL My good pleasure.**

Salvation is from the LORD Jonah 2:9 Psalm 3:8

The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY is a FATHER. HE LOVES HIS CHILDREN

He takes care of and provides for them what they need and can not obtain for themselves.

HE IS ETERNAL and HE HAS SEEN TO IT THAT HIS CHILDREN WILL BE WITH HIM FOR ETERNITY.

God is Love (1John 4:8) and Love never fails (1Cor.13:8)

And this is why WE LOVE GOD OUR FATHER AND HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.

We love HIM because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Hebrews 9:12 . . . through HIS own BLOOD, HE entered the holy place once for all, having obtained **ETERNAL REDEMPTION**. ¹⁵ For this reason HE is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions . . . **those** who **have been called** may receive **the PROMISE of the ETERNAL INHERITANCE**.

For our **ETERNAL SALVATION - It is a Finished Work !**

However, for my **day by day Salvation** from the "Roaring Lion" (1Pet.5:8) that is looking for someone to devour . . . unconfessed sin gives satan a legal right as sin opens a door to him.

If your love for the LORD is not enough to deliver you from satan's temptations . . . you will "reap what you have sown" (Galatians 6:7) and learn the hard way. But even in that, your FATHER "**will work it altogether for your good.**"

So, what should our response be?

Philippians 2:12-13 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation with fear and trembling** ¹³ for **it is God who is at work in you**, both to **will** and to **work** for His good pleasure.

- **work out your salvation “your salvation”** – it is yours. You have it. It was given to you. Now work it out / fulfill it. Be what you are.
- **you have always obeyed** meaning they have **obeyed the call, believed**, and have followed the LORD. As **it is God who is at work in you** shows that they are “born again” and the Holy Spirit is in them.

Hebrews 11:8 By **faith** Abraham, when he was **called, obeyed**

- **now much more . . . work out your salvation** We are now encouraged to **do even more**.

If You Are GRATEFUL for what HE HAS DONE FOR YOU, and YOU LOVE your FATHER and LORD JESUS CHRIST . . .

Live a life that Honors and Glorifies the LORD.

Showing and demonstrating your LOVE, your GRATEFULNESS, your APPRECIATION, that HE has PREDESTINED You – CALLED You – JUSTIFIED You – SAVED You and GLORIFIED You.

And you can live a life that Honors and Glorifies the LORD because . . .

It is God who is at work “in” you, both to will and **to work** for His good pleasure. Clearly declaring that they are born again Christians as The Lord God is **in** them . . . working . . . Therefore:

Philippians 2:14-15 **Do** all things without murmuring and arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may be **blameless and innocent** (in the eyes of others), **children of God** without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which **you shine like stars** in the world.

- In the eyes of The LORD you already are **blameless and innocent, Justified**, because of **The Blood** of The LAMB (Jude 24, Romans 3:22-25)
- This verse is talking about being “His witnesses” (Acts 1:8) by the way we now live our lives.
- Matthew 7:20 **So then, you will know them by their fruits.**

John 15:2-6 . . . Every branch that **bears fruit**, He prunes it (literally: cleanses) so that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are **already clean** because of the word which I have spoken to you (when He called you: 1Cor.1:2)

⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he **bears much fruit**, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and prove to be My disciples.

Fulfill, work at it, bring your Salvation into its fullness demonstrating that you are Child of God, a Christian (Christ-like).

Be what you are . . . Prove that you are His disciple by "showing forth the excellences of HIM who called you out of darkness into His Light" (1Peter2:9).

Isaiah 61:10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, my soul will exult in my God; **(WHY?) For HE HAS CLOTHED ME** with garments of **salvation, HE HAS WRAPPED ME** with a robe **of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Your Heavenly FATHER did all of the above because:

YOU ARE HIS CHILD. HE takes care of His own.
HE LOVES YOU! YOU ARE VERY SPECIAL AND VALUABLE TO HIM.

LIVE A LIFE THAT GLORIFIES YOUR FATHER AND MAKES YOUR
FATHER PROUD OF YOU.

Jesus Cares For His Own

Jesus is still on His Throne
He lovingly cares for His own
His promises are True – He greatly loves You
He ever cares for His own

Jesus is still on His Throne - He rules in behalf of His own
 He bottles your tears throughout the years
 He numbers your hair for He genuinely cares
 He jealously watches over His own

You are precious in His sight - A valuable Treasure in His light
 For You He left His Throne - He came down for His own

For You He was slain - Through His blood You were obtained
 His treasure was found - Redeemed from the ground

With a shout of Victory, He returned to His Throne
 And bears His right arm in behalf of His own

Expectantly He waits for each to be brought to his place
 There beside Him on His Throne, Trophies of His Grace

Proudly displayed as His Own.

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Ephesians 3:14-19 The Apostle Paul's Prayer for all of us:

When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the FATHER. . .

16 I pray that from HIS glorious, unlimited resources HE will **empower you** with inner strength through his Spirit. **17** Then Christ will make his **home** in your hearts as you trust in him. **Your roots will grow down into God's love** and keep you strong. **18** 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 IS.** **19** **MAY YOU EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF CHRIST**, though it is too great to understand fully. **Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.** New Living Translation