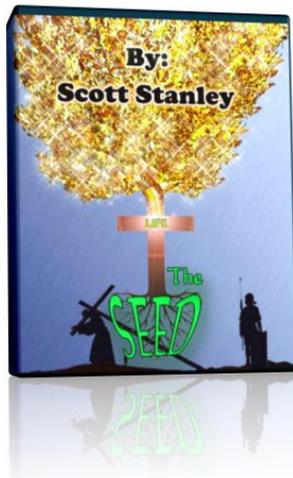


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On the cross Jesus prayed, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do".

*Not one person He prayed for believed He was the Son of God, asked to be forgiven, prayed the sinners prayer, or stopped and repented for what they were doing! Yet they were forgiven on the spot.*

- Does God keep a record of sin?
- If there is a record of sin, where is it kept?
- What is it that causes guilt and shame?
- What about the things others have done to us causing anger, resentment and bitterness?

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# PART 1

## God is Love

Hi! My name is Scott Stanley. I am the executive director, and founder of DTGministries. DTG is an acronym for Deep Things of God.

I have been studying the Bible for more than thirty years, and seeking the Lord for His truth with an open heart; wanting to know the truth. My desire has been to understand salvation by digging for a higher understanding of God.

What I have to share with you today is 100% scriptural, out of the Bible, and is something I have never heard from any denomination I have ever been in. I have studied with many denominational people and the message I want to put on this particular study is not something that anyone has ever told me. This isn't something another man has instructed me on, but is something God has given me.

I think most people believe deep in their heart, and have a gut feeling that we are running out of time. We are coming to the end of the world. You look at the evil in the world, you look at the chaos, and it is all coming down; everything is just coming down. I think every human being has that sense of urgency that "this is it". Whatever it is you believe, whatever church you go to, (maybe you don't even go to church, maybe for some reason you can't even muster up an interest in God) - I want to share with you some things that might help you.

The Lord has given me a different perspective on the Gospel. It begins with *1 John 4:16*. I'm reading from the King James Bible and if you actually have a Bible open it up and follow along. It helps if you can read the words and see I am not making up something or adding to it.

*16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

Now, that is huge because people are starving for love and here we have the God of the universe describing Himself as love. He is love. In this verse it doesn't say that He is going to love you, or He might love you, or He will love you, or He did love you. *It just states the simple fact He is love.* If God is love then we can say "love is God".

I want to turn to 1Corinthians 13; this is the love chapter. I could never tell you how many times I've read this chapter, knowing God is love but never inserting the word God

for love in this chapter. The King James uses the word “charity” in this chapter, but it is the same word translated love in 1 John 4:16.

### *1 Corinthians 13*

*1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.*

Now what if I just replace the word “God” instead of “charity/love”?

*1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not God, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.*

*2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not (God) charity, I am nothing.*

*3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not (God) charity, it profiteth me nothing.*

Now, pay special attention to the next three verses because this is giving us a description of love which is a description of God.

*4 Charity (God) suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth (boasts) not itself, is not puffed up, (haughty or proud)*

*5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;*

*6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;*

*7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.*

*8 Charity (God) never faileth:*

For some reason I studied for more than twenty years before I learned to put God in 1 Corinthians 13, and began to have an understanding of the character of God. If you had asked me these things about God, whether He was long suffering and kind I would have said sure. But, suddenly I had a whole chapter talking about love, or talking about God, that I had never applied to God before. This is key because of the end of 1 Corinthians 13:5... *thinketh no evil.*

If you were to look up *thinketh* in a Greek concordance or a Greek dictionary, in a Strong's concordance it is number **[G3049]**, and is used throughout the New Testament as “impute”, “account”, or “to reason”. What it literally means is *to make a list.*

Looking at 1 Corinthians 13:5 we see love *will not make a list of evil.* This idea flies in the face of everything I have heard all of my Christian life, or I suppose you could say all of my life. I have always been taught that God does make a list of every wrong;

every sin we have ever committed and is recorded in a big book in Heaven. Maybe you were taught something different. I was raised a Baptist and years later became a part of the Assemblies of God denomination. There were other denominations I have been affiliated with as well. You might say that I have been around the block studying with many, many, many people who possess many different types of thinking. No one ever told me God does not make a record of evil, but here it is in the Bible! God is love and love does not think evil. *Love does not impute evil.*

Let me show you another one. Turn to *2 Corinthians 5* and start at verse 18.

*18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;*

*19 To wit (or how that), that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing (same word used in 1 Corinthians 13:5 thinketh) their trespasses unto them;*

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses (or making a list of their trespasses) unto them; and to try to help people understand that, He has committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Can you imagine Christ walking on this earth, walking on this planet, God being in Him and not making a record of evil? Not making a record of trespasses? We see this at the cross. Turn to *Luke 23*.

*34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.*

Now, let me paint this picture because this was something else that was not explained to me. I think most everybody knows while on the cross Christ said on the cross, “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.” What was never pointed out to me is that no person Christ forgave asked Him to do that. Not one person that He forgave repented. Not one person stopped what they were doing; they continued killing Him. But, God was in Christ reconciling the world, not making a list of their evil. Here is the perfect picture of it: “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”

Now, allow me to tie this in with one more portion of scripture found in 1 Corinthians chapter two. You need to try to keep your mind wrapped around all of this: God is love. Love does not make a record. God was in Christ not making a record of evil. If you do this, then you will see Christ on the cross forgiving people who were not asking; forgiving people who were not repenting.

*1 Corinthians 2*

*1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom,*

*declaring unto you the testimony of God.*

*2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*

*3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.*

*4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:*

Now, verse two again: *2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.* So, this is what he preached, Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Now, verse four: His speech and his preaching demonstrated the Spirit and power. This word power in a Strong's concordance is **[G1411]** and literally means the ability of a person. The ability. The King James uses the word "power" but "ability" would also fit here.

Teaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified, teaching the truth of it, you can demonstrate the Spirit and ability of God. What power? What ability? It demonstrates God's ability to forgive and not make a record. To not impute evil. This is what we just read, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." The cross is demonstrating the Spirit of God and His ability to forgive.

Now, consider this with me, and this is where we really begin to think differently:

Everything we have looked at has been scriptural. We have just simply put these concepts together. Let me ask you a question. If these people who were killing the Son of God, putting Him to death, were forgiven their sin and a record was not made in the heart of God; if God were in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself not imputing sin; if teaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified demonstrated the Spirit and power of God, the ability of God; if we see God forgiving these people without them asking or repenting, why would He not have done that for you your entire life?

There is nothing as bad as putting to death an innocent man who is the only begotten Son of God. You can murder someone who is totally innocent, but to murder and torture the only begotten Son of God is worse. The point I'm trying to make is there is nothing you have done in your life as bad as what these men did to Christ, yet they were forgiven before they even finished the crime. Why wouldn't God have been doing that for you your whole life? I would like to suggest to you that He has been doing that. God has never made a record of anything you have ever done. The record has been made by you and I. That is what I want to talk about next.

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## PART 2

### Record of Sin and Ground Zero

In order to understand the record of sin that is made we need to turn to the Gospel of John chapter 20. Let's begin reading at verse nineteen. This takes place after the resurrection of Christ.

*John 20*

*19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.*

*20 And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.*

*21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*

*22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost (Spirit):*

*23 Whose soever sins ye remit (dismiss), they are remitted (dismissed) unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained (unto you).*

If someone has done something against you, if someone has sinned against you, and you dismiss it, you forgive them that sin, He is saying whosoever sins you remit are remitted unto them. But whosoever sins you retain are retained in your heart. They are retained unto you. Is there a list of sin made? Absolutely! But it is not in God's book it is in your book. It is in the book of your mind, the book of your heart.

The things we have done to other people have caused us guilt and shame. What other people have done to us, if we cannot forgive it, if we can't let it go, can begin to cause resentment, bitterness and anger. We begin to respond to the people in our lives based on the wounds, the pain, the hurt we have been given, and we have been being hurt most all of our lives- some of us more than others. All of our lives as we have done things to other people we have carried guilt and shame. As people have done things to us we have carried resentment, anger, and bitterness. The record is in your heart. The record is made by each one of us. The point being is that it is not made by God. The record of sin is made by humanity!

Salvation is not to erase sin out of God's book. Salvation is allowing God to lift up sin from our book. Each one of us have retained the memory. Maybe you think you have forgotten most of it, but your subconscious has not. It is there. There is something about

yourself that you need to understand: your mind is infinite. Your mind will never have so many thoughts that it cannot have one more. Everyone has an infinite mind.

Let me give you a little equation; think this through:

Your thoughts produce feelings and feelings move us to action. So, if our actions are not accurate then our thoughts are not accurate. There is nothing we can say or do that does not start in the mind. Thoughts produce feelings, feelings move us to action, and our minds are infinite.

We could say that when Adam fell into sin his mind fell into an infinite abyss, or a bottomless pit. We could just keep falling and falling becoming more and more wicked or we could turn around and accept the truth of the Gospel and start receiving the truth of God's love becoming more like God. We are to be made in the image of the only begotten Son of God who is in the image of the invisible God. Receiving the way God thinks, being able to think the way God thinks is key. We want to have a relationship with the people in our lives as God has with them. We want to be as much like God or possess as much understanding of love as we can.

Think of it this way: "If I can come to the cross and recognize this in the only begotten son of God and the people murdering Him and torturing Him are forgiven, then I can recognize God forgives me too. He has always forgiven me. This begins to release me from guilt and shame."

You begin to realize not only has He forgiven you, but He has forgiven everyone in your life. Everyone around you is forgiven and if He can forgive them, then you will hear yourself say, "who am I to hold a grudge against my mother, father, children, my neighbors, or people I work with? If God has forgiven them and not made a list of their wrongs and evils then who am I to make a list?"

This truth begins to allow God to lift up all sin from you. The things you have done to others and the things others have done to you. I call this truth ground zero. Why would I do that? Because this is the bottom line. This is what being a Christian is all about; yet again I have to say that throughout my entire Christian experience no one ever shared this with me in this way. No one ever told me I was already forgiven before God and that the person who needs to understand and believe it is me. If I don't believe it I am still carrying my guilt, shame, and the sin others have done to me. God is not doing that, God is not condemning you. You are doing it to yourself. If you can't grab hold of this lifeline after having fallen into the sea then you have judged yourself.

This is ground zero. This is the bottom line. This is the seed that needs to be planted in your mind that will grow into a huge tree that every other truth and thought will lodge

itself under. It begins with God is love and love does not make a record. Jesus Christ's death on the cross demonstrates the Spirit and ability of God. He is crying out to you that He has not made a record of your sin, but that you have made the record. That record is in your thinking and has caused you to feel certain ways then act in sinful ways. Thoughts produce feelings and feelings move you to action.

God would have us feel joy unspeakable and full of glory. What thought creates that feeling? How about the idea there is a God of the universe, a creator, who sent His only begotten Son into this world not to condemn it and not to make a record of their trespasses, but to help them be reconciled unto God. What do we mean to be reconciled to God? If God hasn't kept a record then why do we need to be reconciled to Him? Because you have kept the record and have thought all of your life God is angry and upset, and must really be mad at what you have done. But He can look at you with forgiveness. How? Let's address that question next.

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## PART 3

### If You Were Blind

I want you to imagine with me a blind man coming to your home. He hasn't asked to be there, but was brought on the spur of the moment. Having never been there, he enters into your home. Not knowing where he is, unfamiliar with his environment he knocks over a lamp, trips over a table, or accidentally pushes something off of another table. He feels bad about what he has done concerning what he has broken and the chaos he has brought into your home, but he is blind and you see this realizing he did not even ask to be there. Would you condemn him for what he has done in your home? Would you not rather have mercy and say, "You have broken some things and pushed things off the table and I can't deny what you have done. On the other hand I can't condemn you because you're blind." Well, turn to the Gospel of John chapter nine.

*John 9*

*39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.*

Now, concerning the word "judgment"; somehow every time I read "judgment" I get a picture of standing before God and He is judging me. He is telling me everything wrong I have ever done. The word "judgment" simply means "a determination, to make a decision, or determine something." What we are reading in John 9:39 is not Jesus making a determination but you and I making a determination. Jesus said, "For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see. It is for you to make the determination. For you to make a judgment. That they which see might determine or recognize they are blind."

Now, it's interesting we are talking about an aspect of Jesus' ministry that again, was never explained to me. He came into this world so that people who think they "see", people who think they "understand" might recognize they don't. This is what He means when He says, "to be made blind." He isn't talking about poking someone's eyes out. He is speaking spiritually here.

"I've come into this world that they which don't understand might understand and that they which think they understand might recognize they don't."

*40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words and said unto him, Are we blind also?*

*41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin:*

Just stop right here! Once you recognize your blindness you will recognize in God's eyes you have no sin. There is another description of God in 1 John that states ...*God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*( see - 1 John 1:5)

God is light and in Him there is no darkness. If you have no light you are in darkness and are walking as a blind person. God is light, God is love. Once you begin to understand God as being love and love does not make a record, you begin to have some light on yourself and on the people around you. Until you understand this truth you are walking in darkness.

*41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth (on you).*

One thing that makes us angry toward others is that when they do something wrong we think they could have done better, and they should not have done that! But God looks at it knowing they are blind. Remember, thoughts produce feelings and feelings move us to action. They have no understanding of love, or what true love really is. Yes, they have read the verses in the Bible, and have been told God loves them, but they are never shown His love by means of the cross.

What I was told was that God has a record of my sin and Jesus had to die to erase my record from God's book. I'm telling you the Scriptures are telling us something different. God doesn't keep a record, we keep the record, and Christ's death is to lift up sin from our book.

As long as you keep saying you do know better, your sin will remain on you. Once you recognize the fact you have been blind you will also recognize that in God's heart you have no sin. This is huge! The verses at the end of John chapter nine should be memorized. We should really look at this. This was Christ's ministry. Again, look at verse 39:

*John 9*

*39 And Jesus said, For judgment (determination, a decision) I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.*

Christ is trying to help us understand that before God we are blind; we don't have an understanding of God. I don't care if you have read the Bible all of your life and been preached to your whole life. If you have never been taken to the cross where you could see God's love portrayed toward those who killed His Son you have never really understood God. You believed in God, you believed in Jesus but you never understood

the character of God or the love of God. In fact, I was told if I didn't do things right and pleasing to God He would set me on fire forever and ever...but He loves you. Somehow there is something twisted in that concept.

There is a word for twisted thinking. It is called iniquity! The feelings we feel from iniquity are feelings of rebellion. Rebellious feelings lead to actions of sin. God wants to lift up iniquity, rebellion, and sin. He wants us to think the way He thinks.

I saw a movie one time I would like to share with you. If you can put yourself in this place you will feel something when I finish the story.

In this movie a man robs a bank, comes dashing out, gets in a car and takes off. After the car takes off, a bank guard comes running out of the bank chasing the robber. He looks up and down the street but sees no sign of the bank robber. Turning back to the bank the guard sees a man standing on the side walk next to the bank. Running over to the man the guard begins to question him concerning which way the robber went. All the man could say to the bank guard was "I don't know". The guard becoming more anxious and determined grabs the man by the shirt collar and shakes the eyewitness, screaming "which way did he go? What's wrong, are you blind"? At this point the man says, "Yes, I'm blind". Instantly you see the guard release the man's shirt. It's as if a melting of the guard's heart takes place.

How can he be angry anymore? You can't be angry with a blind person because they are blind. Do you not feel that release yourself? Can you not come to the cross and hear Christ say, "*Forgive them, for they know not what they do*". That is just another way of saying they have no light, they have no understanding. They are blind. They know not what they do.

The message given to Laodicea is interesting. In their mind they were rich, increased with goods, and in need of nothing. But Christ tells them they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. They are blind! How can a person be blind and be in a church? How can you be in a church and not know God? I would like to ask you to turn to 2 Timothy chapter three.

*2 Timothy 3*

*1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

Now I began this study telling how I believe we are living in the last days. I think all of us have a gut feeling we are living in the last days.

*1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

*2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers,*

*disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,*

*3 Without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,*

*4 Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;*

*5 Having a form of godliness,*

Stop! This is speaking of the church in the last day! What we just read in verses one through four describes how the world has always been. In the last days it will be perilous because the church will be this way. They will have a form of godliness but look at the problem;

*but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*

Remember, preaching Christ and Him crucified demonstrates the Spirit and power of God. The church in the last day will have a form of godliness but will deny the power, or ability of God's love; from such turn away.

Now let's look at verse seven.

*2 Timothy 3*

*7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

So, they can study the Bible for a million years! The knowledge of the truth is the love of God. It is the seed that must be planted in the mind. It will grow up and become a huge, huge tree, where everything lodges under it. If you are going to read the Bible it should be read from the standpoint that God is love, and love does not keep a record. This concept will help us understand what the scriptures are saying. A person can continue studying, memorizing verses, and going to church, but if the power of God's love is denied and one never comes to the knowledge of the truth...without love you are nothing. This is what we read in 1 Corinthians chapter 13. If we don't understand the truth about God we have nothing and we will continue to fulfill what is written in 2 Timothy chapter three. Perilous times! Perilous times because people are denying the love of God.

God is just when He doesn't condemn us. I was always told the opposite; that if He was just He would have to condemn us. No! Not if you are blind! God considers us to be blind. Remember, it was the ministry of Christ to help us see we are blind. Once you can see that and you recognize everyone on the planet is blind too, you can let go of guilt and shame plus all the wounds you have been given your whole life. You can forgive. Whosoever sins you remit are remitted unto them, whosoever sins you retain are retained unto you. God does not make the list. God does not retain sin. He isn't saying you have never done anything wrong, He is just saying that He doesn't hold you

guilty. You are holding yourself guilty and everyone around you. You are keeping them guilty and to blame because you are not recognizing their blindness. If you say, “We see”, then your sin remains. Salvation is to allow God to lift this up from us making us free from all sin.

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# PART 4

## You Desired Me

I would like to close this study with a parable found in *Matthew 18*. Read this carefully and with an open heart.

*Matthew 18:21-35*

*21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?*

*22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.*

*23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.*

*24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.*

*25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.*

*26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshiped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.*

*27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.*

*28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him a hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.*

*29 And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.*

*30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.*

*31 So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.*

*32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:*

*33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?*

*34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.*

*35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.*

God isn't making a record of sin but you are carrying one. You are carrying the debt and it cannot be lifted up or erased if the truth isn't received into your heart. In this parable, why did the man's lord forgive him the debt? Look at the end of *verse 32*.

*I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me.*

Is there any place in this parable that states another person would come along and pay the debt? No. The lord of this man forgave him because he desired him to.

The idea that without Christ's death on the cross God cannot forgive us is paganism. That is what pagans believe about the gods they serve. "God is mad because I am a sinner and He needs to be appeased." That is paganism. This concept was brought into Christianity by means of the Catholic Church. All who separated from Catholicism still carried the basic understanding of God being angry, we are sinners, and He needs to be appeased. Still carrying this concept they translated the Scriptures. If you can approach the Bible looking at it through the eyes of love you will get a different picture altogether. You will begin to see something different and it will set you free. The truth will set you free. Just like the bank guard who realized the man was blind, how could he be angry anymore? That is what will happen to you and it is the natural effect of truth. Truth will set you free.

I have two daughters. A few years ago there were several news stories of children who had been kidnapped and killed, raped, even buried alive. All of the stories were horrendous. My daughters at the time were pretty young and I was recognizing how innocent kids can be. I imagined how it would be if someone were to come into my yard and kill one of my children. I would be out the door ready for immediate retaliation. It would be hard not to take the life of someone who had killed one of my kids. It would be hard to restrain the anger. But then the Lord impressed me with something. What if my children were playing in the yard and one daughter killed the other? What would happen to me then? I would have an entirely different response. I might even hide the fact of this little girl killing her sister just to protect her. Why? Because I love them both the same!

That is what happened at the cross. When Christ died on the cross and there was no angry response coming from His Father we are seeing that God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son. He loves the world as much as He loves His Son! Think about it. There is your proof. He wanted the world to see and know His love. God knows the end from the beginning. He knew what they would do to His Son when He went into Jerusalem. God knew what was going to happen. He used that event to demonstrate His Spirit and ability to love us.

Just imagine that I walk outside after my daughter has killed her sister. She sees me coming and is filled with fear because of what she has done. Instead of me responding in anger and resentment what if I knelt down and held her, drawing her unto myself? What if I were to say, "Honey, I love you just as much as I love your sister, I love you two the same?" Then reaching over I raise her sister from the dead! What do you think would happen to her? She has just been told I love her and her sister the same. She would realize that if she were to die I would raise her from the dead too. There is the death and resurrection of Christ. God made the statement that He loves humanity as much as He loves His only begotten Son when His Son died on the cross. When He raised His Son from the dead He made a promise to all humanity of a resurrection.

If you can believe the love of God you will have boldness before Him. If you don't believe Him you will flee and cry out for the rocks and mountains to hide you from the face of Him that sits on the throne. Why? Why do you want to hide? He said He is love. It is because they have a form of godliness but deny the power. They are ever learning but are never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Have you ever been driving down the highway and pass a highway patrolman? Maybe you didn't see him and you realize you are speeding. Fear grips your soul as you watch the rear view mirror to see if he is going to pull out and come after you. You know you were wrong and feel condemned. What do you think would happen if you were brought before God not knowing the love He has for you and you think He is mad? You think He is angry with you because all the things you have done. Man's heart will fail them for fear of what is coming on the earth. Your heart would fail you for fear because you don't know the truth of God's love.

God does not have to kill anyone, He just has to show up because we are judging ourselves. God wants to help you understand His love. He wants you to see His ways. He wants you to see you are blind and that He cannot condemn a blind man. You can come to the cross and be released from all sin. You can begin to work out your salvation with fear and trembling knowing the truth of the love of God.

You need to make a decision. None of this happens without you making a serious commitment to God. None of this happens without being serious where He is first in your life not your denomination. Not mother, father, sister, or brother, but God the Father and His only begotten Son. Come to grips with the love the Father and Son have for you.

Most gracious heavenly Father we pray for your leading and the courage to believe the truth. We pray for your glory, in Jesus name. Amen.

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## Strong's Greek G3049

**G3049**

λογίζομαι

logizomai

*log-id'-zom-ahee*

Middle voice from G3056; to *take an inventory*, that is, *estimate* (literally or figuratively): - conclude, (ac-) count (of), + despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).

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## Strong's Greek G1411

**G1411**

δύναμις

dunamis

*doo'-nam-is*

From G1410; *force* (literally or figuratively); specifically miraculous *power* (usually by implication a *miracle* itself): - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work

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[1John 1:5](#) This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

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