

Does God Love Everyone?

Think not according to emotions but on Faith in Scripture.

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*If we tell the unbelievers "God loves you" (**Meaning God intimately loves all unbelievers**) then why should the unbelievers repent? Repentance is not needed as God loves them anyway! But they say, "God loves the sinners but hate the sin." If God loves the sinners why does God send sinners to hell for eternity? God punishes the sinner in hell. The God of the Bible will not compromise because he is infinitely holy, if God is not holy then there will be no hell as he will wink at every sinner and give them bear hugs to all sinners.*

Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

God does not intimately love all mankind. God has a general love to all his creatures as he gives the rain, the sunshine to all. He is the creator of all mankind and we are told to love even our own enemies. But God's particular, intimate love is with the true believers.

There are many Christians when witnessing to unbelievers they say, "God loves you and he has a wonderful plan for your life" This is the most common teaching of the majority of the churches today, but this was not the common teaching of the historical church. There is not one scripture in the Bible to say when apostles were witnessing to the unbelievers they said, "God loves you." Then why is it today many Arminian Christians are saying to the unbelievers "God loves you." Let us expose this kind of tradition. By the way Roman Catholicism believes the same as the Arminians so they joined hands together in this issue.

When ever you witness to someone saying, "God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life." It is so tempting to the flesh. Great, if you become a Christian, everything is going to be alright. You will have wealth, health, peace, joy and pleasure for the rest of your life. This is what many think of the wonderful plan. God is going to bless you.

Did Jesus tell his disciples, "God has a wonderful plan for you, follow me and you will have wealth, good health, peace and joy for the rest of your life?"

No, Jesus said the opposite. This is what Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Lu 9:23)

Dear friends, the false church is lying to the people. No wonder, over 90% of the people who makes a decision for Christ fall away. According to Jesus following him is not on the broad road that leads many into hell but the narrow gate which is very difficult to enter. True Christians will go through tough times in this wicked world as they will not conform to the world and the world will make fun out of them.

2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Jesus never told his disciples, "God has a wonderful plan for you. But told the truth, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Arminians say the following

"God loves you" And they will go to John 3:16, they try to make their point by saying God loves everyone and he personally love you, please accept him. They are begging the unbeliever to accept God. Here we see God frustrated if people will not believe in him, going after everyone begging to come to him. Dear friends, this is not the God of the Bible but let us first see John 3:16

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Now Let us Expose this False Tradition

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Let us see briefly this scripture see the context. God is speaking to Nicodemus, a teacher of the Jews. From Jewish perspective there are only two kinds of people. The Jews, Gods special people and the Gentiles who are in the world. Just like how Christians would say today we are Christians and the unbelievers are of the world. Jesus is telling Nicodemus God so loved the world (Gentiles) that he gave his only begotten Son, whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **Whosoever believes in God is a believer and not unbeliever.** What Jesus is telling Nicodemus is God loves not only the Jewish believers but also the Gentile believers. The nations or the world was distinct from the Jews; see (Romans 11:12, 15) (Luke 12:30), compared with (Matthew 6:32).

The meaning of the world here in context, means Gentiles or other ethnic groups of the world.

Ro 11:12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness?

13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office.

14 If by any means I may provoke to **emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.**

15 For if the casting away of them be the **reconciling of the world**, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

Here we see the Gentiles are of the world and verse 14 is clearly speaking of the Jews.

Now go to Luke 12:30.

Lu 12:30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

Luke was a Gentile and writing not from a Jewish mind but from a Gentile mind. For the Gentile mind it is the unbelievers are nations of the world. Now Matthew who was Jew writes on the same scripture.

Mt 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek :) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. To Matthew there are two people, Jews and Gentiles, he would not tell the Jews nations of the world.

Let us see the verse next to John 3:16 verse 17 so we can see the context.

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Now if you say, God loves everyone and the mission of Jesus is, the world through him might be saved, a question should be asked, "Are all people saved." The answer is no. Then the next question. "Did Jesus fail in his mission as could not save all?" Absolutely not. Then the world in John 3:16 and verse 17 is talking again of the Gentile believers who would believe in him. The Jewish mind (Jesus is speaking to Nicodemus the Jew) they were expecting the Messiah to deliver the people of Israel from the Roman bondage, and then the messiah will punish and destroy the Gentile nations.

But Jesus is speaking to Nicodemus the Jew and saying, no. The Messiah's mission is not to bring punishment but to save. Saving not from a physical kingdom but from their sins.

Mt 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

His people are the elect. But even the elect or born to this world as sinners and they were lost. They were too the children of disobedience.

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

But Christ mission was to save which was lost.

Mt 18:11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

So we clearly see the context in John 3:16 and 17, God loving the world means God loving the Gentile believers.

Jesus was manifested the Father's name to the believers and not to the unbelievers.

Ac 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were **ordained to eternal life believed.**

Before even the elect were unbelievers but when they heard the gospel they believed because they were ordained to eternal life by God.

My Friends John 3:16 is speaking, "God so loved the world, not only the Jews but also the Gentile believers. Let's say this way. Not only American Christians but also those elect people of God who are going to believe in him in China, India, Africa, the islands of the world and other parts of the world.

On the other hand we see scriptures the world means unbelievers who will not believe in Jesus. There is a clear distinct of the world, God loving the world means Gentile believers and the rest are unbelievers.

Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

Here the world is the unbelievers.

Joh 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Here again we see the believers are different than the unbelievers, unbelievers and the world goes together. But the believers are not worldly. Unbelievers would love if the believers would conform to the world. They hate the believers because they will not become like them.

Joh 17:6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

Does God hate the unbelievers?

God does not hate all men as creatures but as sinners. God has a general love to all his creatures as he gives the rain, the sunshine to all. But Gods particular, intimate love is with the true believers.

Mt 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Lu 6:27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you.

There is a universal general love of God to all men as God is the creator of mankind. God does not have a particular an intimate love for all mankind as all men are born sinners.

Psalm 51:5 ... and in sin did my mother conceive me.

There are two parties angry, God and Man. On mans part he is angry with God there is enmity due to sin. Because the carnal mind is *enmity against God* (Ro 8:7) And from Gods part he is angry with the sinner. Some say, God loves the sinner but hates the sin. It does not say that in scripture but the scripture says just the opposite.

Ps 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

From the part of God, he is angry with the sinner because of his holiness and righteousness; his eyes are too pure to look at evil.

Hab 1:13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity.

We need to understand anyone who is not a true born again Christian is an anti-Christian.

Mt 12:30 He that is not with me is against me.

Does sin deserve an eternal punishment? The Bible is very clear the sinners will be punished in hell forever. Why is it that the punishment is eternal not temporary? We need to see this from the perspective of God's holiness. God is infinitely holy.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

In the presence of the infinite holy God, even the smallest sin is an infinite sin towards God.

Jas 2:8-10 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit

sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and **yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.**

Then if sin is infinite toward God, the punishment is infinite. If God is not holy, then he will wink at sins and say it's ok and there will be no hell. Sin is punished because who God is, he is a holy God.

What is our obligation to God?

Mr 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Why we need to love him with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength? Because God is infinitely worthy of love, honor and to obey. Our obligation to God is great. Sin is a violation of this obligation.

God does not have an intimate love for everyone. If God loves the unbelievers intimately then the sinners does not have to repent, as God loves them anyway, he can continue in his sins. But on the truth is the sinner does not have peace with God.

There are two parties angry at each other; there is no peace between them. There have to be a mediator between the two angry parties. God the Father did not allow man to perish, but sent his Son to be the mediator.

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

What is the purpose of the mediator? To bring reconciliation. He reconciles the two parties that are angry at each other.

Ro 5:10 For if, when *we were enemies*, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son.

Once the mediator brings reconciliation, then we have peace with God.

Col 1:20 And, having made **peace** through the blood of his cross, by him to **reconcile** all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

21 And you, that were sometime *alienated and enemies* in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.

This is where we will understand how great the salvation is, God has provided through Jesus Christ. We all deserve an eternal punishment as everyone has sinned against God and our sins were infinitely evil and we all deserved an infinite punishment but God in his mercy, instead of judgment, there was the mercy of God, which came through Christ Jesus. He came to fulfill the laws we have broken.

Mt 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill

Christ came as our representative. He fulfilled all of the demanded laws. His obligation to the Father was infinite. He took the deserving punishment on believers' behalf. At the cross God the Father saw Christ in us as sinners, sinners worthy of his wrath. God executed his fury upon Christ so the believing sinners are set free, we are reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, and we have peace with God. This is the true gospel.

Then how can someone tell an unbeliever that God loves you?

If God loves the unbeliever, then there is no need of a mediator, as there is no enmity, there should be peace between the unbeliever and God, and there should not be any reconciliation. But in the gospel, we see enmity, mediator, reconciliation and peace. This is the true gospel. Telling the unbeliever God loves you is a false gospel. The false gospel will bring false conversions.

Telling an unbeliever God loves you. Will not bring true conviction to his heart on sin. Only a person who is truly convicted of sin will realize his need for Christ. Nowhere in the New Testament, have we seen the apostles telling the unbelievers God loves you. Instead, we see just the opposite.

Ac 2:37 Now when they heard this, **they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

Why were these men convicted of their sins? Because Peter did not say, Jesus loves you. Instead he said, Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, *ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.* (Ac 2:23)

First the unbeliever need to be convinced of his need of Christ, and need to be convinced of his horrible sin against God, his guilt, the power of sin and the wrath of God that is going to come upon all who are disobedient. Remember when the Israelites were in the wilderness the fiery serpents bit them and many died. Then the Lord told Moses to make a brazen serpent and set it on a pole, anyone who was bitten by a serpent will live when he looks at the brazen serpent on the pole. (Numbers 21:6-9) Jesus said, and as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. (Joh 3:14) My friend, no one will look to Christ unless they were bitten by the serpents, they will realize the danger of death as the serpent has bitten them.

Telling the unbeliever God loves you will not make the unbeliever see the danger. But telling the unbeliever, that the wrath of God is going to come upon all who are disobedient to God.

Col 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.

Unbeliever should see the sin, as he had violated all the commandments of God and he is continue violating these commandments daily in his life, through speech and action, then he is continually living without any obligation to God. Due to this he is heading towards the wrath of God. Then he will realize he needs to be saved, (salvation) from the wrath of God. When you say, God loves you. The unbeliever will not see the danger or the wrath of God that is going to come upon him; instead the unbeliever will be comforted. This is not from God as it is not biblical it is from Satan.

The English great theologian John Owen (1616-1683) said, before people will come to Christ, they need to know that they are lost, condemned sinners, standing accursed in Gods sight. The Americas greatest theologian Jonathan Edwards said, in his word we have his threatening against sin denounced by himself. He tells us, that if we go on in sin, he will destroy us, and cast us out of his sight, and pour out his wrath upon us, and hold us eternally under misery.

The gospel is called the good news; the good news is we are enemies of God, living in sin. God was angry with the sinner and Gods wrath was upon us, yet because of his grace and mercy he sent his Son to those whom he elected. God reconciled the believer and loves the believer.

Jesus makes it so clear in the following when he said.

John 17:6 “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

John 17:20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word.

Jesus gave a commandment but not an option to preach the gospel to all the world.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Every Christian must be involved in the great commission directly or indirectly. We don't know who is elect and who is not. The elect are not born with a cross on their forehead. We are to preach the gospel to all; the elect will respond and believe. It's our job to witness and preach the gospel to all and God will do the saving as salvation is of the Lord.

The church has a crucial role in evangelism. The church is not just a congregation of individual believers. It is also the body of Christ through whom the good news of salvation reaches the world. We need to realize there are millions of people in the church today who have heard a false gospel. They think they are saved, but in reality not, as there is no true repentance. There is a great harvest field. Nicodemus thought that he was saved, but he was not. Many religious people like Nicodemus believe that they are saved, but they are not.

People do not realize they are sinful, unworthy people, they do not adorn the glorious majesty, power, and grace of God; they see the glory of God only in great musical instruments, mega churches and not humbly begging of God. They

do not renounce their evil ways, putting away their abominations before Gods eyes. We have a harvest field in our back yard.

If your neighbors house on fire in the night and you know they are asleep, will you not do anything about it? In the same way there are many people around you; do you carry a tract to give? You talk to many unsaved people; have you at least given them a tract, witnessed to them? You are learning here every Sunday what are you doing in what you have learned.

Charles Spurgeon said, **surely it is an intolerable disgrace to anyone to profess to be a Christian, and have no concern about the souls of others, while they are perishing by millions.**

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