

God's Love Language

I. What did Jesus Accomplished for Every Christian at Calvary?

Forgiveness for our Sins

John 1:29

The next day John sees Jesus coming to him and says, Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Eternal Life

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Access to God our Father in Heaven

John 14:6

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When Jesus walked the earth he described his intended relationship with those who would believe in him with metaphors: the Shepherd and his Sheep (John 10:27), the Vine and its Branches (John 15:5) and the Groom and his Bride (Matt. 25:1,5)

In the Old Testament the Tabernacle and the Temple demonstrate God's desire to have a loving relationship with Israel.

God instituted blood sacrifices to deal with the sin that separated Israel from Him.

Lev 17:11 For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood. And I have given it to you on the altar to make an atonement for your souls. For it *is* the blood that makes an atonement for the soul.

II. Jesus Provides the "Way" for a Personal, Loving and Growing Eternal Relationship With God our Father

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In John 14:6 the word "comes" implies a continuing occurrence.

Heb 4:16 Therefore let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brothers, having boldness to enter into the *Holy of Holies* by the blood of Jesus,

Heb 10:20 by a new and living way which He has consecrated for us through the veil, that is to say, His flesh;

Heb 10:21 and *having* a High Priest over the house of God,

Heb 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and *our* bodies having been washed with pure water.

How often do we come to our Heavenly Father?

Why do we come to our Heavenly Father?

III. God Our Father Loves His Children and Wants a Personal, Loving and Growing Eternal Relationship with Them

Jesus had a loving relationship with the Father!

Luke 11:1 And it happened *as* He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught His disciples.

Why did they ask that question?

His disciple could see that loving relationship and desired it!

Do you consider yourself a disciple of Jesus Christ?

IV. Jesus Tells His Disciples How to Obtain that Personal, Loving and Growing Eternal Relationship with the Father!

John 14:15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.

John 14:21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, If a man loves Me, he will keep My Word. And My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

abode: residence (Strong's)

John 15:10 If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

abide: stay (Strong's)

What is Jesus telling his disciples?

If you Keep My Commandments and Word the Father and I will Love you and Live with you and you will Know the Loving Presence of God?

The obvious question of course which everyone has to ask is, If I don't keep Jesus commandments and word am I not loving Him?

Do we understand the terrible consequence sin?

V. What Happens When We Abide in God's Love?

We abide in God's Presence; 1John 4:16 i.e. God is Love ...

We will be successful; 1Cor.13:8 i.e. Love never fails ...

We will be fruitful; Gal. 5:22-25 i.e. The fruit of the spirit is love; joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control ...

We will be powerful witnesses for Jesus; John 13:35 i.e. By this all shall know you are My disciples...

VI. How Do We as Disciples Keep the Commandments and Word of Jesus?

A. The Christian's Triumph; Obedience, follow God's commands through God's Way which is the Life of Jesus Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit

1. Jesus Christ's Death, Burial and Resurrection

Rom 6:3 Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised up from *the* dead by the glory of the Father; even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have been joined together in the likeness of His death, we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection;

Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *Him* in order that the body of sin might be destroyed, that from now on we should not serve sin.

Rom 6:7 For he who died has been justified from sin.

Rom 6:8 But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

Rom 6:9 knowing that when Christ was raised from *the* dead, He dies no more; death no longer has dominion over Him.

Rom 6:10 For in that He died, He died to sin once; but in that He lives, He lives to God.

Rom 6:11 Likewise count yourselves also to be truly dead to sin, but alive to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ, and I live; *yet* no longer I, but Christ lives in me. And *that* life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith toward the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself on my behalf.

2. The Believers Responsibility

Rom 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

Rom 6:13 Do not yield your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but yield yourselves to God, *as one* alive from *the* dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under Law, but under grace.

Gal 5:16 I say, then, Walk in *the* Spirit and you shall not fulfill *the* lusts of *the* flesh.

3. The Believers Authority

1Co 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Rom 8:1 There *is* therefore now no condemnation to those *who are* in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 But the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh;

Rom 8:4 so that the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Gal 5:25 If we live in *the* Spirit, let us also walk in *the* Spirit.