

A scenic photograph of a beach at low tide. The foreground is filled with golden sand, marked by several sets of footprints that lead from the bottom left towards the water. The ocean is a deep blue, with white foam from gentle waves washing onto the shore. In the far distance, a large, dark island or headland is visible against a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

GOD LOVES US **(Sermon)**

**When you know a pretty story,
don't you let it go unsaid.
You tell it to your children,
As you tuck them into bed.**

**When you know, a wonderful secret,
you can tell it to your friends.
You tell them that a lifetime
filled with Jesus,
is like a street that never ends.**

Chorus

**So sing that, sweet song of salvation,
let your laughter fill the air,
sing that, sweet song of salvation,
let the people know that Jesus cares**

**Sing that, sweet song of salvation,
to every man and every nation,
sing that, sweet song of salvation,
and let the people know that Jesus cares!**

**Look around you, as you sing it,
there are people everywhere,
and each time they stop to listen
each song becomes a prayer.**

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You tell them that a lifetime
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THE LOVE OF GOD

ROMANS 5:6-8;



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“While we were still WEAK, at the right time Christ died for the UNGODLY.

Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man - though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die.

But God shows HIS LOVE for US in that while we were yet SINNERS Christ died for us.”

ROMANS 5:6-8;

“While we were still

weak

at the right time Christ died.”

Have you ever felt you are **IN OVER YOUR HEAD?**

You find yourself doing things
that you **DON'T** want to do?

THE LOVE OF GOD.

YOU FEEL PUSHED by peer pressure to go ALONG WITH THE CROWD. You LACK the strength to stand against them.

When I was young I was challenged to punch the glass out of a window of an old mill and I still have the scars to show for it. **WEAK AND HELPLESS, CAUGHT UP IN THE CROWD,** wanting to be **ACCEPTED**, we find ourselves doing things that **WE KNOW WE SHOULD NOT BE DOING.**

YET PAUL SAYS THAT IS WHEN GOD LOVED US!
-THAT- is when Christ was prepared to die for us!
We need to **UNDERSTAND** at that moment
DESPITE our SIN, **DESPITE** ourselves,
God LOVED US ANYWAY.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

“While we were still **WEAK** at the right time Christ died for...

THE UNGODLY

You know people who you would describe as UNGODLY,
and you may have been like that yourself,
you're a self made man or woman, you don't need GOD.

You might even say to God I don't believe in you!

I don't want anything to do with you!

Keep out of my LIFE, / Keep out of my WAY,
SCIENCE is my god, / **EDUCATION** is my god.

WE are **GROWN UP** - we don't need childish beliefs anymore

I don't even believe in Santa Claus anymore.

GOD, you just don't exist and even if you DID

I STILL DON'T NEED YOU.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

“While we were still **WEAK**
at the right time Christ died for...

THE UNGODLY

Yet it was **WHEN WE FELT LIKE THAT**
and **ACTED** like that,
when we **BEHAVED** in that manner.

THAT - is WHEN GOD LOVED US!
THAT IS WHEN CHRIST WAS PREPARED TO DIE FOR US!

Why? because WE are His creation,
God LOVED US ANYWAY!

ROMANS 5:6-8;

**“But God shows His love for
us in that while we were yet**

SINNERS

I know that ‘sinner’ is not a **POPULAR WORD** today,
It is not **politically correct**. People say ‘I am not a liar,
I AM JUST ECONOMICAL WITH THE TRUTH!’

From the moral high ground we say:-
I AM NOT A MURDERER.

Yet we find ourselves gossiping
 (“have you heard about Mrs Jones....”)
**WE END UP DESTROYING HER CHARACTER
AND TEARING HER REPUTATION TO SHREDS.**

ROMANS 5:6-8;

“But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet

SINNERS

Sometimes we sin by **doing NOTHING** when **we OUGHT TO HAVE DONE SOMETHING OR SAID SOMETHING**

James 4:17 says if you **know** what you ought to do and **fail** to do it that is sin.

Yet THAT is when God loved us.

THAT is when Christ was prepared to die for us. Despite our SINFULNESS, despite our HYPOCRISY.

God LOVED US ANYWAY AND ALLOWED HIS SON TO PAY THE PRICE FOR OUR SIN.

ROMANS 5:6-8;

**WEAK
THE UNGODLY
SINNERS**

**GOD LOVES US ANYWAY
AND ALWAYS HAS DONE!**

**BUT OUR WEAKNESS! OUR ARROGANCE!
AND OUR SINFULNESS!
PLACES A BARRIER BETWEEN US & GOD.**

ROMANS 5:6-8;

**WEAK
THE UNGODLY
SINNERS**

**OUR SINS MUST BE PAID FOR, SIN SEPARATES
AND GOD KNOWS WE HAVE GOT OURSELVES
IN A HOLE AND CANNOT GET OURSELVES OUT.**

Because of His **LOVE for US**

**HE ALLOWS JESUS TO TAKE OUR PLACE,
TO PAY THE PENALTY / THE PRICE FOR OUR SIN.**

THE LOVE OF GOD

ROMANS 5:6-8;
EPHESIANS 2:4-7;



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4. “But God, who is **rich in mercy**, out of the **GREAT LOVE** with which **He loved us**,
5. even when we were **DEAD** through our trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ (by grace you have been saved,)”
6. “and **raised us up with Him**, and **made us sit with Him** in the heavenly places in **Christ Jesus**,
7. that in the coming ages He might **show** the immeasurable riches of **His grace** in **kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**”

EPHESIANS 2:4-7;

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**“But God, who is rich in mercy,
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**Most of us DO NOT APPRECIATE
what GOD SEES
when He looks at the sin in our lives.**

**We PLAN sin, we EXECUTE the SIN
and we think we have got away with it
and it does not seem so bad...**

EPHESIANS 2:4-7;

“But God, who is rich in mercy,
EVEN when we were:-

DEAD

through our trespasses.”

WHEN GOD LOOKS at our sins, HE SEES ALL
THE DAMAGE the sin has done to us, HE SEES
THE INSIDE and ALL THE SCARS it has left.

That WRONG WORD, that VICIOUS ACT,
that ARROGANT ATTITUDE, THAT DESTRUCTIVE
CRITICISM! Leaves its mark on our lives
and on the lives of others.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

DO YOU LIKE HEDGEHOGS? They may be spiky and flea-ridden but they are cute, we know when we see them the most - at the side of the road when they are **all squashed and flattened.**

When you first drive past you say **Ah, what a shame,** but **AFTER A FEW DAYS** it begins to **DECOMPOSE** and the **MAGGOTS** start crawling through it and it begins to **SMELL.**

We say **WOW! SOMEBODY**
OUGHT TO DO SOMETHING about that –
it's horrible and it stinks!

We WANT someone to pick it up and
throw it out of our sight, it **OFFENDS US.**

EPHESIANS 2:4-7;

**Yet THAT is the EFFECT OF SIN ON OUR LIVES,
that is what GOD SEES in us when
SIN LEAVES ITS MARKS ON OUR SOULS!**

**And GOD'S response to OUR HORRIBLE
MISSHAPEN mess?
HE REACHES OUT IN LOVE AND
ALLOWS CHRIST TO DIE IN OUR PLACE.**

**THAT WE MIGHT BE SEEN
AS PURE AND BLAMELESS IN HIS SIGHT.
ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL / ISN'T IT MARVELLOUS
GOD LOVES US ANYWAY / GOD LOVES US THAT MUCH!**

EPHESIANS 2:4-7;

MADE US ALIVE

RAISED US UP WITH HIM

MADE US SIT WITH HIM

EPHESIANS 2:4-7;

WHAT DO YOU THINK when you go shopping
you are walking down the main street
and you see a scruffy looking individual
and even from this distance you can smell him.
He is shouting abuse at those around him
caught up in the madness of his addiction.

**A WINO! = A DOWN AND OUT! =
SOME WOULD SAY
A COMPLETE WASTE OF SPACE!
Or even the SCUM OF THE EARTH,
NOTHING BUT TROUBLE.**

**Do you pass on the other side of the street?
Do you get as far away as possible?**

EPHESIANS 2:4-7;

WHAT WOULD YOU THINK of **someone** who,
instead of passing by, took the man home,

Ran a **ROSE SCENTED BATH** for the man and
WHEN HE WAS CLEAN & SMELLING WONDERFUL
gave him a whole new outfit to wear!
SUIT, COAT, SOCKS, SHOES!

When he came downstairs he saw a **BEAUTIFUL**
DINNER! ROAST BEEF, YORKSHIRE PUDDING,
(THE BIG ONE NOT THE SMALL ONE,)
APPLE PIE AND CUSTARD.

When he had eaten his fill and was all dressed up
our friend gave him some money and let him
go on his way **clean on the outside at least.**

EPHESIANS 2:4-7;
WHAT WOULD YOU THINK OF SOMEONE
WHO COULD DO THAT?
ISN'T HE WONDERFUL? ISN'T HE AMAZING?

GOD HAS DONE THAT AND MORE FOR EACH ONE OF US
WHO HAVE ACCEPTED THE SACRIFICE OF HIS SON.

GOD HAS FED US SPIRITUALLY,
CLOTHED US IN THE KING'S RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND HAS NOT EVEN SENT US AWAY.

He has ASKED US TO COME AND SHARE WITH HIM
IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST JESUS,
AND CHRIST HAS GONE AHEAD
TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR EACH ONE OF US.

EPHESIANS 2:4-7;
ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL?
ISN'T THAT MARVELLOUS?
FROM FILTHY RAGS TO SPIRITUAL RICHES
from SINNERS TO SAINTS.

DOESN'T THAT SHOW
HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US?
DOESN'T THAT SHOW THAT
GOD LOVES US ANYWAY?

THE LOVE OF GOD

ROMANS 5:6-8;
EPHESIANS 2:4-7;

1 JOHN 3:1;



1 John 1:1-3;

1. “SEE WHAT **LOVE** the Father has given **us**, that we should be **CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD**; and **SO WE ARE**.

The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.”

2. “Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

3. “**And every one who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.**”

**1 John 1:1-3;
ONCE WE WERE WEAK, UNGODLY SINNERS
AND YET GOD LOVED US!**

**1 John 3:1; POINTS OUT THAT IN CHRIST
WE HAVE BEEN ELEVATED FROM THOSE
WHO WALK AWAY FROM GOD,
WHO WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH GOD.**

**TO NOW BEING THOSE IN CHRIST
WHOM HE CALLS HIS CHILDREN!**

1 John 1:1-3;
IN CHRIST JESUS WE NOW HAVE
A SPECIAL UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE.

PAUL IN ROMANS SAYS WE CAN CALL HIM
“Abba - father”

We can speak to God ANYTIME
share with Him ANY PROBLEM!

WHY? because He LOVES US
and allowed His Son
to pay the price for our sins.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

Have you ever stood outside of Buckingham Palace
and wondered what it would be like
to go in and have tea with the Queen?

You go up to the soldier by the gate and ask
ANY CHANCE OF GETTING IN?

He doesn't even bother to reply just
looks down his nose at you and then ignores you.

**You turn round dejected
because you are dying for a cup of tea
and it would be lovely to have tea with the Queen.**

**As you turn you bump straight into
Prince Charles as he is coming up to the gate.**

THE LOVE OF GOD.

He says hello what are you doing here and you tell him you would have liked to go in for tea.

He puts his arm around your shoulder and says

COME ON THEN, COME IN WITH ME

AND WE'LL HAVE SOME TEA.

HE APPROACHES THE SOLDIER AT THE GATE,

THE SOLDIER DOES A SMART SALUTE AND

LETS YOU GO IN WITH OUT ANY QUESTIONS.

WHY? BECAUSE

YOU ARE WITH THE ONE

WHO CAN GIVE YOU ACCESS,

YOU ARE WITH THE SON!

THE LOVE OF GOD.

**WE ARE ABLE TO APPROACH
THE THRONE OF GOD**

**BECAUSE WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD,
CLOTHED IN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS
OF HIS SON BECAUSE HE LOVES US
AND WE HAVE GIVEN OUR LIVES
IN TRUST AND OBEDIENCE TO HIM.**

**THAT SHOWS HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US?
THAT SHOWS GOD LOVES US ANYWAY?**

THE LOVE OF GOD

ROMANS 5:6-8;
EPHESIANS 2:4-7;

1 JOHN 3:1;

1 JOHN 4:10-11;



1 John 4:10-11;

10. “In this is love, **NOT** we loved God **but that HE loved us and sent his Son** to be the **EXPIATION** for our sins.”

11. “Beloved, **IF God so loved us, WE ALSO** ought to **LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**”

1 John 4:10-11;

**Just BECAUSE WE ARE A CHILD OF GOD
and BECAUSE HE LOVES US ANYWAY**

**does not mean that we have licence
to do what we like, because it does not matter!**

**NO! BECAUSE WE REALISE that God loves us,
WE respond with LOVE towards Him by accepting
the forgiveness and salvation He offers us.**

**OUR love ought to make us respond by wanting
to be THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE.**

**GOD SEES OUR POTENTIAL and WANTS US
TO ACHIEVE THAT POTENTIAL and therefore,
with Him on our side and cheering for us,
WE ought to want to strive to achieve that potential.**

THE LOVE OF GOD.

If we never try we will never succeed!

If we never try we will never fail!

But if we try and fail in some way,

IT DOES NOT MATTER

BECAUSE GOD WILL BE THERE FOR US,

TO PICK US UP AND HELP US TRY AGAIN.

WHY? BECAUSE GOD LOVES US ANYWAY.

**HIS LOVE WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR US,
HE HAS PROVED THAT WITH THE CROSS.**

THE LOVE OF GOD.

How does God save us from our sins?

He saved us by His grace through Jesus' blood

Jesus paid our penalty for sin. Since we all are guilty of sin, we could not take each other's places.

Only someone without sin
could suffer our punishment.

Jesus "committed no sin, nor was guile found
in His mouth" (1 Peter 2:22;)

Therefore, He was qualified to take our place.

The price God required to save us
was the blood of an innocent sacrifice.

"Without shedding of blood there is no remission"
(Hebrews 9:22;).

[Remission means "the forgiveness" of sins.]

To have the hope of eternal life we need to believe what Jesus did for us:-

For I delivered unto you
first of all that which
I also received, how that
Christ died for our sins
according
to the scriptures;

Gospel Enacted

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Jesus the Christ
Death, Burial and Resurrection
For the Sins of Man



That He rose again
the third day
according
to the scriptures:



Death



That He was buried.

To have the hope of eternal life We need to DIE with Jesus

Do you not Know,
that so many of us as
were baptized into Jesus
Christ were baptized
into His death?

Gospel Re-
in Baptism
Obedying The Gosp
Romans 6:3-4

In Baptism
Repent of Sin and Die to Sin
ed in Water for the Remissions of Sin
we are Raised to Walk in a New Life

That like as Christ was
raised up from the dead
by the glory of the Father;



Dead to Sin



Therefore we are
buried with Him by
baptism into death:



So we also
should walk
in newness of life.

Resurrected
to a New Life



GOD LOVES US.

WE MUST OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN.



**Wonderful Grace of Jesus
greater than all my sin
HOW shall my tongue describe it
How shall my praise begin**

**Taking away my burden
setting my spirit free
and the wonderful
GRACE of JESUS
reaches me**

Wonderful the MATCHLESS

Grace of Jesus

Deeper than the mighty rolling sea

Higher than a mountain

Sparkling like a fountain

all sufficient grace for even me

(for even me)

broader than the scope

of my transgression (sing it)

deeper far than all my sin and shame

my sin and shame

O! magnify the precious name of Jesus

Praise His name

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