

God the Father (Paterology): His Love

I. God's love to His Son:

The Father loves the Son, John 3:35; 5:20.

II. God's love to mankind: Phase I

A. In His PLAN – Eph. 3:11; 2:8-9.

B. In SENDING His Son – 1 John 4:9a.

C. By GIVING His Son – John 3:16; 1 John 4:10.

D. WHEN mankind was DEAD in sin – Eph. 2:4-5.

E. While they were yet sinners – Rom. 5:8-11

Christ died for them, showing that:

JC loved HIS ENEMIES as well as His friends.

John 15:13 “Grater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life.”

F. FATHER'S REACTION to the SON'S LOVE for mankind:

Matt. 17:5 - Well pleased with His Son.

Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35 – Tell us to “hear Him”

2 Peter 1:17 – Father gave Him honor and glory.

III. GOD'S LOVE TO MANKIND: PHASE II.

A. By providing a Defense Attorney when believer sins, 1 John 2:1.

B. In Divine Discipline while out of fellowship.

C. By giving MORE GRACE.

Out of the Bottom Circle (fellowship) you have 1 John 1:9 (more grace) so that you can have all the assets of time provided by God.

D. By enabling the believer to produce Divine Love. Fellowship with God is the place of Mental Attitude Love, produced by the filling of the Holy Spirit. You CAN love other believers through the power of the Holy Spirit because:

1. They are in the Top Circle (positionally in Christ) just as you are,

2. They have, IN CHRIST, just what you have,

3. God's love for them never changes either,

4. So you stand upon this doctrine and have a relaxed attitude, minding your own business before the Lord.

IV. ALTERNATIVE OF GOD'S LOVE: WRATH (Hate), John 3:36

GOD IS JUST TO FORGIVE: LOVE

GOD IS JUST TO CONDEMN: HATE (WRATH)