

# Father's Day

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## 1 What a Father Wants

And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

John 6:25-27, KJV

Why does Jesus save any of us? Many of us ask why Jesus does not save all, but this supposes there is something worthy of salvation in us. Passages like Romans 3, let us know there is nothing worthy in us. When you read that and honestly look at it, you are left with this one key question. Why save a wretch like me? This passage answers it. Jesus saves you because the Father loves and approves of Jesus. The text finishes the passage on Jesus saving with “for him hath God the Father sealed.”, which is the key. The word for gives us the reasoning behind an action, it is telling us why. And why does Jesus do this? The passage tells us that the Father put His seal. Robertson, one of the great Greek translators calls this the seal of approval, and some translations read that way. The idea is that the Father so loved the Son that he attested to all of that love. This is partially looking to the baptism but it also looks at all scripture, where the Son is the central theme. Colossians describes Christ as:

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Colossians 1:13, KJV

Dear is agape. It literally says Son of His Love.

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Ephesians 1:5,6, KJV

Jesus is the beloved. Consider Romans:

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32, KJV

Why will He give us all things? Because He has already given His Son, and there is nothing more valuable to God.

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

John 17:1-5, KJV

Christ had all the glory, and came to glorify the Father that the Father could then glorify Him. Scripture shows again and again that the love and glory that is given between the members of the Trinity.

## 2 The Will of the Father

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Fathers will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:35-40, KJV

The Father gave a gift to the Son, a bride. The Father willed that the Son love the bride and protect her. None of the bride was to be lost. The Son did not seek His own, rather He sought the will of the Father. To love the bride required Jesus to come and die, which He did willingly and joyfully. Which is not to say He enjoyed the cross, rather it was His

joy to do the Father's will. Notice that none that the Father gives fails to come, the Father would have to fail if that were the case. All that come are saved, otherwise Christ would fail. Where are we as believers? We are the gift, the beloved bride, who looks longingly to her husband, who has saved her. What did we do? Nothing. Look at verse 44.

Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

John 6:43-47, KJV

No one comes unless the Father calls. We saw a few verses before that all who are called come. The reason people believe is because of God, not man. Why? So that God gets all the glory. Keep this in mind, and look at Ephesians 1:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:3-14, KJV

### 3 Conclusion

Why does Christ save? The Father so loves the Son that He gave the Son all the Church, the creation of His love, that Jesus might show forth the love with which He loves the Father

by sparing nothing to lavish His love on the Church and thus glorify the Father. The Father and Son so love the Spirit that none but He was trusted to keep, prepare, and guide the Church and present the bride to the Son at the end of time. The Spirit so loves the Father and Son that He became the deposit ensuring our Salvation. To quote one of my former elders, "A whole lotta love going on!" This is the foundation of salvation, and for one, who is saved to lose that salvation, God would have to stop loving Himself. That won't happen. Why do we have security? God loves God. Why are we saved? God loves God. What are we saved unto? Loving God. What is that which is best? Loving God. What does it mean to worship? To love God. How do you obey? Love God. What is evangelism? Teaching others to love God. There is nothing higher. Nothing greater. Nothing richer. Nothing more pleasing than God. How can you not love Him? That is what sin is. That is why sin is described as a hatred of God. Sin is literally a hatred of God, which is manifested in some particular way.

Do you want to give the ultimate Father's Day gift today? Then love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, all your strength.