

*“For The Love Of Christ Constraineth Us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that He Died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which Died for them, and Rose again.” 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 KJV*



*“For ALL have sinned.” Until you believe yourself the vile wretch of a worm which sin has made you and the Holiness of God has defined you, you will never seek the Forgiveness nor appreciate the Love of God! The Forgiving Embrace of the Father’s Love is not only constraining, but desired by the forgiven souls that humbly seek His Clemency. Our sin becomes abhorrent to us, because we see the horrific torture it has inflicted on our Gracious Savior! We realize that not only was His Death in our stead, but was Sought and Endured for our Redemption, because Jesus Loved “even me” from, “before the foundation of the world!” Many believers speak of being the “Elect” of God without truly understanding the “Foreknowledge” of God. Before there was time and space, there was God! He saw every choice of every soul and Knew who would choose to believe. Those “WHOM HE DID FOREKNOW, He also did Predestinate to be Conformed to the Image of His Son. Behold, what Manner of Love the Father hath Bestowed upon us, that we should be Called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall Appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. The LORD...of old...hath...[said], ‘Yea, I have Loved thee with an Everlasting Love.’ We love Him, because He FIRST Loved us.” God Knew who would and would not believe Him in eternity past before they existed and Loved those who would!*

What Love the Father hath Bestowed,  
His Light doth set your life aglow;  
Because your heart chose Him to know,  
To you His Love doth overflow! –CGP

Unbelieving men cannot hear God, but they can hear the Word of God preached by believers. *“For after that in the Wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it Pleased God by the FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING to Save them that believe.”* When God’s Word proclaimed by believers falls on the hearts of those “dead in sin,” it brings the Gift of Faith necessary to Eternal Life. Gifts are unmerited favors, but a gift is not a gift unless received. If God’s Word is believed and received, it grants the unmerited Favour, Fellowship, and Forgiveness of the Eternal God! *“He Came unto His Own, and His Own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them Gave He Power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.”* Do you believe God? Your cheerful obedience of God’s Word is proof of your faith!

*“And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep (cherish, guard, and obey) His Commandments. He that saith, ‘I know Him,’ and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in Him.”*  
1 John 2:3-4 KJV