

THE FATHER
Part 4: HIS LOVE
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"We know that there is only one God, the Father, who created everything, and we exist for Him." I Corinthians 8:6 (NLT)

WHAT DOES GOD'S LOVE MEAN?

"Now there was no water for the community, and the people gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron. They quarreled with Moses and said, "If only we had died when our brothers fell dead before the LORD! Why did you bring the LORD's community into this wilderness, that we and our livestock should die here? Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!"

Numbers 20:2-5 (NIV)

"Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the tent of meeting and fell facedown, and the glory of the LORD appeared to them. The LORD said to Moses, "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink."

Numbers 20:6-8 (NIV)

"So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as He commanded him. He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?" Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

Numbers 20:9-11 (NIV)

"But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in Me enough to honor Me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."

Numbers 20:12 (NIV)

"Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go up this mountain ... and see the land I have given the Israelites. After you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, for when the community rebelled at the waters in the Desert of Zin, both of you disobeyed my command to honor me as holy before their eyes." Numbers 27:12-14 (NIV)

1. **HOLINESS = GOD'S ABSOLUTE _____, AND**
_____ FROM THE _____ OF
_____.

"Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing." Habakkuk 1:13 (NLT)

2. JUSTICE (GENERAL) = _____, DOING IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES
THAT WHICH IS _____ AND _____. JUSTICE IS SIMPLY
GOD'S _____ IN _____.

"He is the Rock; His deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright He is!" Deuteronomy 32:4 (NLT)

3. WRATH = THE _____, _____, _____,
_____ REACTION OF A HOLY GOD AGAINST ALL THAT
_____ HIM AND _____ AGAINST HIM. IT IS THE
_____ OF GOD'S JUSTICE.

"... The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished ..." Exodus 34:6-7 (NIV)

4. LOVE = A _____ TO _____
_____ THE _____ OF THE ONE LOVED EVEN
THOUGH THAT ONE IS _____.

"But they, our ancestors, became arrogant and stiff-necked, and they did not obey Your commands. They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles You performed among them ... But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore You did not desert them ... "Because of Your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness. By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take. You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold Your manna from their mouths, and You gave them water for their thirst. For forty years You sustained them in the wilderness; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen." Nehemiah 9:16-17, 19-21 (NIV)

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!" Romans 5:6-10 (NIV)

HOW DO I RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE?

"... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of His blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished — He did it to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus." Romans 3:23-26 (NIV)

1. _____ **THAT I HAVE** _____ **AGAINST A** _____.
2. _____ **THAT MY** _____ **WARRANT GOD'S**
_____ **AND** _____.
3. _____ **CHRIST'S** _____ **FOR MY** _____.
4. _____ **FOR** _____.
5. _____ **THAT GOD IS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT MY**
_____ **THAN MY** _____, **AND MY**
_____ **THAN MY** _____.

NEXT STEPS

1. Ask myself, "Do I believe the primary purpose of the Good News is to solve my problems, make me happy, and rescue me from the hassles this life? Or do I believe that the primary purpose of the Good News is to make me righteous in Christ and save me from sin and death?"
2. Check out the movie, "The Red Sea Miracle", appearing in theaters nationwide on 2-18-2020. See PATTERNS OF EVIDENCE.COM/REDSEA for selected theaters.
3. Pray for Pastor Pierre and our brothers and sisters in the LaCroix New Testament Mission, Haiti.
 - Pick-up prayer bracelet from our ushers.
4. GET Started Life Group begins tonight from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. at Jeff and Cheryl Lyle's home located at 1314 Northwoods Drive, Hillsboro.