

LOVE IS GREATER STILL

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1. JOB

Job 11:7-9

7 "Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?
8 They are higher than heaven-- what can you do? Deeper than Sheol-- what can you know?
9 Their measure is longer than the earth and broader than the sea. (NKJ)

2. PAUL

Eph 3:18-19

18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-
19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (NKJ)

3. DAVID

Ps 139:7-10

7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?
8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.
(NKJ)

JOB 1. Higher than the heavens- 2. Deeper than the grave- 3. longer than the earth- 4. broader than the sea.

PAUL 1. The height 2. The depth 3. The length 4. The width

DAVID 1. Up to the heavens 2. Down to the grave 3. The wings of the morning 4. The boardest part of the sea

An analogy

1. The heavens- God the Creator. [Eternal]
2. The depths- The death of Jesus on the cross. [Eternal]
3. The length- The resurrection of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. [Eternal]
4. The width- The gospel of Jesus Christ. [Eternal]

1. Love created all things

It is extremely difficult not to say the least, impossible to separate the creation from its creator, just as it is equally impossible to separate God from love. Everything that God created has his distinguishable trademark, and that is love, and because God is love everything that he creates is made by the word of his love.

2. His word is love

The worlds were form and framed by God and the interminable knowledge of his word. All that we see, the universe, the milky way, the planets, the solar system the atmosphere, the heavens, the clouds, the earth and everything else that cannot be attained at the present moment by our physical sight, has been made and tightly fitted together by the infinite Mind of God. In conclusion we see that all things were made and sustained by the measureless word of his grace.

a) The Trinity in the word

I Jn 5:7

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. (NKJ)

b) Jesus is the word of God

In the book of Revelation, God gives us without any shadow of a doubt, a clear indication that Jesus is the living limitless word of God. When Jesus said that " heaven and earth will pass away, but my word will never pass away ", he was speaking about himself as being the eternal word of God.

Rev 19:13

He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. (NKJ)

c) The word in the beginning

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (NKJ)

d) The word of life

I Jn 1:1

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life-- (NKJ)

e) The love of God in truth and deeds

I Jn 3:18

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. (NKJ)

2. His grace is love

The grace of God is what saves a man from sin, without grace salvation is not possible. Love releases grace, and grace brings salvation. True faith has its anchor in grace, and grace is the true expression of God's infinite love. Paul refused to set aside the grace of God because he knew that righteousness could not be achieved through the law. Grace is the teacher of the spiritual law of Christ. To grow strong in spirit and to be filled with wisdom is the evidence that the Spirit of grace is upon you. We must totally surrender and depend upon the grace of God.

a) Salvation through grace

Rom 5:15

But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. (NKJ)

b) Grace brings salvation

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, (NKJ)

c) Grace given by Jesus

1 Cor 1:4

I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus,

d) When love is visible grace can be seen

Acts 11:23

When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. (NIV)

[His grace is associated with the Holy Spirit and death of Jesus Christ]

e) God pours out his Spirit of grace

Zech 12:10

"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they have pierced; they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. (NKJ)

[His grace is associated with truth]

f) John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (NKJ)

[His truth, which is his word is associated with his Son]

g) John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (NKJ)

h) The word of grace

Acts 20:32

"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (NKJ)

We see here the word of God intertwined with grace, and therefore, it's unrealizable to have the truth apart from grace since they have equal value. So we have the Spirit of grace, the word of grace, and the God of all grace.

Four other associations

3. His power is love

Whenever we think about God's power we often associate it with mighty strength or a great force, and no doubt it most certainly is. But do we really understand that His great power is released out from his great and awesome love. We have generators that give out power for electricity and that power travels to its destination and gives light for houses and appliances. But there is no love in that power. In Scripture God's power is coequal with his love.

[Love is associated with His voice, His great fire, His word, His presence and His mighty power]

Deut 4:36-37

36 "Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.

37 "And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power, (NKJ)

[His love is associated with power and glory]

a) Ps 63:2-3

2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.

3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. (NKJ)

[The power of the Holy Spirit is associated with the birth of Jesus]

b) Luke 1:35

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. (NKJ)

4. His command is love

The life of God cannot be separated from the love of God. God is life, and his life is filled with his love. Love cannot die because life cannot die. God's command is eternal life for everyone, and this is the command that Jesus Christ came to earth to fulfill. The Father wills that no man should perish. Every man that comes to Jesus for the cleansing of sin, will be washed in the blood of Christ from all disobedience so that he can receive the command of eternal life in his spirit.

John 12:50

"And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak." (NKJ)

Just as the great commission to the church is to go into all the world and preach the gospel, so is the great commission of Jesus to come into the world and command everlasting life to everyone who believes and receives him as Lord and Savior. This command of the Father is love.

5. His mercy is love

There is no mercy without love, God has mercy on whom he will have mercy. We cannot enforce God's goodness, grace and generosity, neither can we earn God's mercy. Grace and mercy is love in action. The abundance of God's mercy comes from the abundance of His love. In ourselves we are not worthy to receive mercy or grace from God, but because Jesus pleased the Father by shedding his blood on the cross, we now have obtained God's great mercy. Just as God's grace ushers in his blessings, God's mercy turns away his wrath. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ and from him we all have received one blessing after another.

Gen 32:9-10

9 Then Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you':

10 "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies.

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7. His Holiness is love

Isaiah saw the Lord High lifted up and the train of his robe filled the temple. Isaiah saw the purity of God's presence and he was struck with awe in God's holiness that he cried out woe is me. He not only saw his own sin, but he saw his own lack of love when he saw the God of love. Love is pure and cannot be contaminated by anything; holiness is pure and also cannot be contaminated by anything. God is holy and pure in every aspect of life. We already established the fact that everything was created by his love, by his grace, by his power and by his word. His love is Holy.

a) All that pertains to God is love.

Rev 4:11

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." (NKJ)

b) God is a Holy Husband

Isa 54:5

For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; he is called the God of the whole earth. (NKJ)

c) The Holy Son of God [the Son is love]

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1. Love is the power of all creation
2. Love shines in the darkness
3. Love is a witness
4. Love is not always recognized
5. Love is the will of God
6. Love is manifested
7. Love cries out
8. Love surpasses all human existence
9. Love is a divine mystery
10. Love does not fail to confess
11. Love speaks for itself
12. Love stands alone
13. Love is worthy
14. Love covers sin
15. Love reveals God
16. Love comes with the Holy Spirit
17. Love draws people
18. Love seeks out
19. Love encourages
20. Love declares
21. Love perceives
22. Love responds
23. Love descends
24. Love is boundless
25. Love is free
26. Love holds all things together
27. Love builds up
28. Love expresses itself through faith
29. Love is pure
30. Love is peaceable

If love is the greatest of all pursue it
If love is the greatest of all adhere to it
If love is the greatest of all be possessed by it