

Everlasting Love

*"The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:
"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."*

Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

One of the high moments in the life of Christian Churches is the Remembrance Meeting, Communion Service or time when God's people meet around the table with bread and wine on it to remember the Lord Jesus and the death He died for sinners.

One of the most gifted preachers of Jesus Christ in the English language was Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892). He was a Baptist minister and beloved by Christians of every denomination.

Spurgeon exercised phenomenal natural gifts suited for the ministry but when asked the reason for his singular success in the ministry was heard to say just three words. "My people pray."

Spurgeon, like the Christian Brethren, loved to hold a communion service every

Sunday. While a great student of the extant hymns of his day, he wrote poetry that could be set to music for his people to sing.

Marvel at Spurgeon's singular devotion to the Lord Jesus as you read the following lines composed by him and may they echo the sentiments of your own heart.

Amidst us
our Belovèd stands,
And bids us view
His piercèd hands;

Points to the wounded
feet and side,
Blest emblems
of the Crucified.

What food luxurious
loads the board,
When at His table
sits the Lord!

The wine how rich,
the bread how sweet,
When Jesus deigns
the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled
and dim,
We see the signs,
but see not Him;

O may His love
the scales displace,
And bid us see
Him face to face!

Our former transports
we recount,
When with Him
in the holy mount,

These cause our souls
to thirst anew,
His marred but
lovely face to view.

Thou glorious Bridegroom
of our hearts,
Thy present smile
a heav'n imparts!
Oh lift the veil,
if veil there be,
Let every saint
Thy beauties see!