

Hearts Full Of Godly Love

*“After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.”
Isaiah 53:11 (NIV)*

*“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow,
saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered:
and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.”
Zechariah 13:1 (KJV)*

*“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends”
John 15:13 (NIV)*

*“ the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”
Romans 5:5 (KJV)*

*“Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.”
Colossians 1:8 (KJV)*

Ask many teenagers and they will tell you their generation knows much more about love than their parents do. Somehow, when young, we had the erroneous opinion that we were experts on several subjects and our parents were ill informed on these same subjects, love included. Young people think of love primarily as an emotion and their raging hormones support that definition very well.

When it comes to biblical teaching on love, we quickly realize that love is defined more as a behaviour than as an emotion. Reading the inspired definition of love in 1 Corinthians 13 (NIV) we see phrases such as “love is patient...kind...does not boast...keeps no record of wrong...” and on the list goes.

The most important definition of love is in an understanding of the redemptive work of our Lord. The cross is the most profound display of love in history where the Father’s sword of justice struck His beloved Son to provide redemption for sinners (Zechariah 13:1).

For readers who have lacked the love of parents, marriage partners, children, and others, turn to Scripture.

Read the Gospels as they describe the unbelievable suffering of your Saviour.

Understand that the Good Shepherd does not regret all His pain rather He thinks you were worth the horrors that He endured. He is satisfied to have done all for you (Isaiah 53:11). No one has ever loved you so much, so faithfully, and so willingly. Rest safe today as you ponder the Son of God’s active, eternal love on your behalf.

O Christ, what burdens
bow’d Thy head!
Our load was laid on Thee;
Thou stoodest in the sinner’s stead,
Didst bear all ill for me.
A victim led; Thy blood was shed;
Now there’s no load for me.

Death and the curse were in our cup,
O Christ, ’twas full for Thee!
But Thou hast drained
the last dark drop –
’Tis empty now for me.
That bitter cup – love drank it up;
Now blessings’ draught for me.

Jehovah lifted up His rod,
O Christ, it fell on Thee!
Thou wast sore stricken of Thy God;
There’s not one stroke for me.
Thy tears, Thy blood,

beneath it flowed;
Thy bruising healeth me.

The tempest’s awful voice was heard,
O Christ, it broke on Thee!
Thy open bosom was my ward,
It braved the storm for me.
Thy form was scarred,
Thy visage marred;
Now cloudless peace for me.

Jehovah bade His sword awake,
O Christ, it woke ’gainst Thee!
Thy blood the flaming blade
must slake;
Thy heart its sheath must be –
All for my sake, my peace to make;
Now sleeps that sword for me.

For me, Lord Jesus, Thou hast died,
And I have died in Thee;
Thou’rt ris’n: my bands are all untied,
And now Thou liv’st in me.
When purified, made white, and tried,
Thy glory then for me!

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