

Food for thought from the Gospel of John

3 – 7 God’s Only Begotten Son – Part Two

John 3:16-18

In Part One of our study on “God’s Only Begotten Son” we were emphasizing how precious and dearly beloved was the Son of God to His Father. To reject Jesus Christ is to also disregard God’s love for His only son. In view of God’s great sacrifice to give us pardon for our sins, rejection and disrespect for the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a terrible grief to the Father.

Part Two is going to deal with the privileges and responsibilities of those who repent and believe on God’s only begotten Son. The Father loves us, just as He loves His Son. Believers enter into the realms of this wonderful, endearing, enduring love. It has a preserving and transforming power.

- I John 3:1
- John 17:22-26
- Romans 5:5-11
- Ephesians 3:14-19; 5:1-2
- I John 4:14-16,19
- Jude 1:20-21

This same endearing / enduring love is supposed to carry over, from within us, towards the brotherhood of Christ:

- John 13:34-35
- I John 4:9-11, 19-21; 5:1-3
- Romans 15:5-7
- I Peter 1:22

This love from God and from Christ is supposed to carry over, from within us, towards those who do not know Christ through the Gospel. They are the lost. They may be family, friend, neighbor, stranger, or enemy. Yet, we owe the Gospel, with our love and prayers, to all people.

- Matthew 5:44-48; 28:18-20
- Mark 16:15

- II Corinthians 5:14-15, 17-18
- Romans 13:8-10
- I Corinthians 9:19-23; 10:31-33
- I Timothy 2:1-6
- II Timothy 2:8-10, 24-26.

Instead of disgust, hatred, or fear of the ungodly, we should have pity and loving concern. It will not go well for ...

- Those who despise / reject God's love
- Those who despise / reject God's Only Begotten Son
- Those who despise / reject the children of God
- Those who despise / persecute those who carry the Gospel message of God's love

Consider the following:

- Luke 10:16;
- Luke 20:9-19 (note vs. 13)
- Matthew 25:31-46