

Proclaiming the Gospel

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1.18).

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A Love Letter from God

Through His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ

How long has it been since you heard the Gospel, since you heard that Jesus loves you? How long has it been since you heard that Jesus **REALLY** loves you, loves you enough to care what happens in your life, loves you enough to see you through the hard times as well as the mountain top experiences (Isa 43.1-3)? How long has it been since you knew that the Lord Jesus Christ loves you enough to correct you, to call you by name to live a life of holiness in Him.

There is a book that is most precious. This book is a love letter written with the **Blood** of the Lamb of God. This book is to be read as a love letter knowing that Jesus loves you enough to give to you His love by guiding you in this book, the Holy Bible.

The Bible is a love letter to be read with the heart. Too many read with the head and believe they have all the answers for the rest of us. Sad to say, it many times becomes a weapon used against one another, people trying to prove how much they understand the Bible – out of their need of power and control.

John 5.38-42 is written about those who know the written word, but do not know the Living Word, Jesus Christ. They cannot understand, cannot know that the Bible is a love letter meant to be read with the heart – inviting the Holy Spirit to guide in reading the Bible to know what the Lord Jesus is saying.

What you believe must align with the Holy Bible, and the Holy Spirit will guide you into all Truth. He will touch your life and bring to you the joy of the Lord and His peace as you read the Bible.

I often tell others about a love letter I received 43 years ago. This love letter was sent to me by my husband-to-be who now has been with the Lord for 27 years.

When I opened the letter, I read it with my heart knowing he loved me as I loved him. I did not question each word, each phrase; I did not try to analyze it. I did not break down each word or phrase to try and read “behind” them to see if there were a hidden meaning nor did I try and put a hidden meaning in his words written to me of his love for me. No! I knew he loved me, and I read the letter with my heart. I received his words with my heart. I did not enter into wrangling with

of the Lord (Rom 10.17). The Bible will bring us to trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not unto our own understanding (Pr 3.5, 6).

However, it is important as we read the Word of the Lord to take it into our hearts, hide it in our hearts, memorize it that we will be able to carry it with us wherever we go (Ps 119.11).

Take time to read God’s love letter; read at least one verse from the Psalms daily, but read it several times, asking the Lord what He is saying to you; then walk in obedience to Him at all times, and you shall know the joy of the Lord. You shall know His love for you.

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Co-laborers together for Jesus Christ

Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

someone over the words trying to make it say something it did not say – nor did I listen to them if they wanted to explain to me what each word meant and give new meanings to them from their perspective! No! No! No! I received the love letter into my heart and trusted the one who wrote it to mean exactly what he penned to me – and, yes, I responded in love to him.

The Bible is a love letter written with the **Blood** of the Lamb on the Cross of Calvary. Read the Holy Bible with your heart and receive what the Lord Jesus Christ has for you with a heart melded with His heart – desiring more and more of Him.

When parents, mothers and fathers, rear their children in the Lord Jesus Christ, they do not want their children to play with fire – for fire burns and kills. They do not want their children to play in the traffic – for vehicles maim and kill. They do not want their children to play with any who are not walking with the Lord Jesus Christ – for they will be led astray and into the depths of sin – which brings death.

Why are parents like this? Why do parents make choices for their children? All because they love their children. True Christian mothers and fathers love their children deeply and want the best for them.

So – why did the Lord Jesus Christ give to Moses the Decalogue? Why were laws established for the Lord's people? Because the God of which we write is our heavenly Father, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel); He loves us so much that He sent His only Begotten Son to die on the Cross of Calvary for our sins that we might have life with Him now and forevermore when we repent of our sins and ask Jesus Christ to come into our lives to be our Savior and Lord.

Now, all the commandments in the Bible are for our good. God, the Father, loves us so much that He laid out how we are to live that we might live fruitful lives for Him. Some commands say, "Thou shalt not . . ." Some speak in the affirmative, "...thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *[is]* the first commandment" (Mk 12.30).

Reading the Bible with this understanding tells us of a loving heavenly Father.

The Psalmist sets before us a beautiful understanding of what is written above. He is so grateful to have the statutes in his heart that he many times blesses the Lord, gives thanks for them. Psalm 34 is a Psalm of blessing the Lord at all times. We are happier when we love the Lord Jesus Christ and begin blessing Him with our lives, first and foremost, living for Him a life that He calls us to live (I Jn 1). It is also blessing the Lord with our whole heart, with our tongues, singing unto Him our praises, speaking unto Him our praises (Ps 134). It is also blessing Him when we go forth speaking His Truth to others, encouraging the body of Christ to read the Word and to bless the Lord.

The Lord Jesus Christ will guide you into all Truth (Jn 16.13) if you read His word consistently, and seek His face (II Chr 20.3; Ps 105.3). He will speak to your heart

if you read His word to better know Him and His will for you day by day (Eze 3.10).

When we seek the Lord and walk in obedience, the Lord is our light and our salvation – whom shall we fear (Ps 27.1)! He gives to us His strength and power when we are walking with Him in obedience (Acts 1.8). When we hide His Word in our hearts (Ps 119.11) as we read the Holy Bible, the Lord's strength comes to us to encourage us to walk on with the Lord. The Bible is a word to those who desire to know the Lord in a greater measure, to serve the Lord with all their heart (Dt 10.12; Jos 24.15; Ps 100.2). The Lord's power and anointing come on those who are serving the Lord with a pure heart, walking in the holiness and righteousness of the Lord.

It is as we read the Holy Bible and learn of the Lord Jesus Christ that we become aware of the Lord more and more and desire with a greater desire to walk on with Him. The more we know the Lord Jesus Christ, the more we want to grow in Him.

I am reminded of Song of Solomon 5.8-16; the bride says that if anyone finds her beloved to tell him that she is sick of (with) love – wanting to find him.

I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I *[am]* sick of love.

Take notice of the question she is asked in verse 9, and read the verses following.

What *[is]* thy beloved more than *[another]* beloved, O thou fairest among women? what *[is]* thy beloved more than *[another]* beloved, that thou dost so charge us?

Oh, she is in love with her beloved. We cannot fall in love with someone we do not know or someone with whom we have not walked. When we have walked with someone and are in love with them, we will be eager to speak forth our love for that person.

So, how do we come to know Jesus Christ and His love for us? We must walk with Him. We must read His precious love letter to us and take it to our heart. We will come to know Him profoundly in our lives as we read the Bible, read it with our heart and spend time with the Lord in prayer. Prayer is talking with the Lord **and** listening to Him. If we are reading the Bible and living a life according to the Word, the Holy Bible, Jesus is faithful to answer our prayers and direct our lives into all Truth.

The Lord Jesus Christ strengthens us as we read the Bible (II Cor 12.19). We will know His power and strength in our lives (Rom 1.16). He gives us hope in the midst of our sin as we repent and turn to Him (Jer 29). The Lord gives us peace and joy and love as we walk with Him, and we shall know His love, joy, and peace as we read the Bible (Ps 23). We are made overcomers by the Word