

CHRIST'S LOVE FOR US



*Even as the Father hath loved me,
I also have loved you: abide ye in my love.*
—John 15:9 RV

In fellowship between friends and relations, everything depends on their love for each other. Of what value is great wealth if love is lacking between husband and wife, or between parents and children? And in our religion, of what value is all knowledge and zeal in God's work, without the knowledge and experience of Christ's love? (See 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.) O Christians, the one thing needed in the inner chamber is to know by experience how much Christ loves you, and to learn how you may abide and continue in that love.

Think of what Christ said: "*As the Father hath loved me*"—what a divine, everlasting, wonderful love—"I also have loved you." It was the same love with which He had loved the Father and that He always bore in His heart, which He now gave into the hearts of His disciples. He yearns that this everlasting love will rest upon us and work within us, so that we may abide in it day by day. What a blessed life! Christ desires every disciple to live in the power of the very same love of God that He Himself experienced. Reader, do you realize that in your fellowship with Christ in secret or in public, you are surrounded by and kept in this heavenly love? Let your desire reach out for this everlasting love. The Christ with whom you desire fellowship longs unspeakably to fill you with His love.

Read all that God's Word says about the love of Christ. Meditate on the words, and let them sink into your heart. Sooner or later you will begin to realize, "The greatest happiness of my life is that I am loved by the Lord Jesus. I may live in fellowship with Him all day long." Let your heart continually say, "His love for me is unspeakable; He will keep me abiding in His love."