



Beware of the false 'God of love'

Anyone who enthusiastically believes in and proclaims God's love without paying any attention to the other attributes of God fails to understand the most important message of the Bible.

The 'love of God' which is preached in so many churches today has little to do with the true love of God.

It is a 'sentimental' love, a 'romanticized' version of love which often shows little resemblance to the true love of God.

Love is assuring, love is accepting or to quote the words of the Apostle Paul from **1 Corinthians 13**: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, is not easily angered, it keeps no account of wrongs. Love takes no pleasure in evil, but rejoices in the truth....

No one would ever be offended by a God of love!

A God of love poses no threat to anyone!

Even the fiercest critique of the Bible would have to agree with that.

LOVE A God of love seems as harmless as a small bird flying on the horizon.

But there is problem.

Scripture always poses a problem to anyone who has created a false and a twisted image of God.

When we focus solely on one of Gods attributes at the expense of who God really is, we will sooner or later encounter a problem.

This problem comes to us in the form of a cross!

If God is 'love' then why was there ever any need for a cross?

Surely a God of love could have simply forgiven men for all his faults and weaknesses and settled the case that way.

After all love does not remember any wrongs!

Anyone who has focused on God's love at the expense of the complete, of the total image (and revelation) of God will always end up turning sin into a very trivial matter.

Sin will appear rather 'harmless' and it will not seem to cause much of an offence to God at all.

If you only focus on 'love' then you will end up with an incomplete and with a very misleading image of God.

You will no longer be able to discern what sin really is. You will not be able to see and understand what a deadly serious offence sin really is in the eyes of the Lord! One very famous 'Hyper-grace' preacher shared his 'divine revelations' with his large congregation and stated that: "God is not hung up about your sins. You don't have to repent of your sins anymore for they are not a big deal to God". Love taken out of context will always make sin look harmless and trivial but this is never true love at all!

This is a false love, this is a love which is not found in the Bible!

It is most certainly not the love of God.

God's love never compromises with sin. God's love never belittles sin.

God's love never overlooks or ignores our sin.

God will never tolerate any sin in His holy presence!

The image of this 'false' love of God which is nothing more than the 'love' of an idol will shatter completely once we stand in front of the cross.

In front of the cross our sin will suddenly take on gigantic dimensions!

Sin becomes so big and so overpowering that it has the power to separate us from God for all of eternity.

God takes sin so serious that He allowed His own son to be nailed to a cross in order to redeem us, to set us from our sin.

Jesus died because of sin!

God never differentiates between 'big' or 'small' sins. Every sin is a deadly serious offence to Him. It is so serious that it requires the death penalty.

'The wages of sin is death...' we read in Romans 6:23

We may try to make sin appear harmless and small by putting all the focus on love but sin will always call out for God's judgment.

Judgment and love are inseparable!

Once you remove judgment from love, God's love will have lost all its true meaning. The cross will become meaningless, become insignificant and it can even be seen as the biggest mistake.

When you separate judgment from love the cross would present God as someone who had made the greatest of blunder in history.

The cross would in fact expose God as someone who is extremely wicked and cruel at heart! (only someone with a wicked and a cruel heart would send His own son to die such a cruel death when there was no need for it at all)

It would reveal God as someone who can never be trusted!

Only a 'beast' would have allowed his son to suffer like this when He would have had the ability and the power to stop the torture in time.

Love and judgment are totally inseparable!

God is righteous and holy!

Sin is such a serious offence in the eyes of God that it will always require the death sentence. Death is the eternal separation from His divine presence and from everything which He has created (or will create in the future).

Because God is holy and just He must place a judgment on sin.

It is because of this judgment on sin that the cross becomes the ultimate expression of love.

Anyone who has never understood this has never understood the true love of God!

The cross reveals wisdom and purpose because the blood of Jesus contains the power to erase our sins!

The cross is also the visible statement how serious God takes sin.

Sin is never harmless in God's eyes.

It was sin which had required the life of His son!

If we want to understand God's love we must first focus on what took place on that cross for without the cross God's love remains formless and void (just like creation before the 1.day)

But on the cross the revelation of God's love suddenly takes on a completely new dimension.

On the cross God's love no longer contradicts His righteousness, His resolve for justice, His desire for judgment and His anger on sin.

On the cross God's love became visible in a way which surpasses all human understanding.

What happened on that cross reaches so far beyond the wisdom of men.

The significance of what has taken place on the cross is so great, so profound that even eternity itself will not be long enough for us to ever fully comprehend the depth of His love which had been poured for us on that cross.

In millions of years from now (even thou time will have long ceased to exist) we will still look at the nail prints which will be visible on the hands and feet of Jesus and marvel exactly the same way we did when we stood before him for the very first time.

Whenever we encounter His presence in glory the marks on his hands and feet will be the eternal reminder of His love, of the sacrifice that He had once made for us so that we can experience His presence in glory forever.

