

GOD LOVES YOU

If I could only make you understand the real meaning of the words of the apostle John: "God is love" (1 John 4:8).

I know of no truth in the whole Bible that ought to come to us with such power and tenderness as that of the love of God; and there is no truth in the Bible that Satan would so much like to blot out.

We must make a distinction between sin and the sinner. God loves the sinner, but He hates sin. He hates sin because it destroys men. It is just because God loves the sinner that He hates sin.

Think of the love that God had when He gave His Son to die for the world. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Who can fathom the depth of these words: "God so loved the world?" It is past finding out. It "passeth knowledge."

Nothing speaks to us of the love of God like the cross of Christ.

Come with me to Calvary and look upon the Son of God as He hangs there. What moved God to send His Son to die on that cross? What moved the Son to lay down His life on that cross? Can you behold Him there and say that God does not love you? "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for

his friends" (John 15:13). But Christ laid down His life for His enemies (Rom. 5:10). When they were mocking and deriding Him, what did He say?—"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." That is love. There is nothing but love in His heart.

Dear friends, the love of God ought to bring you back to Him.

"When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. . . . God commendeth His love towards us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:6, 8). Is that not enough to convince you that He loves you? Can you despise such love? Surely, it ought to move your heart to give yourself to Him who died for you; yes, for you. He wants to have you for Himself, fill your heart with His love, hold you and keep you with His mighty hand and by and by, He wants to have you with Him in His Father's house for all eternity. Will you come?

If you will go right to Him, He will save you and give you the assurance that He bore all your sins and took them all away, long, long ago. Blessed gospel, precious news; believe it today, receive it into your heart and enter into a new life.

Let the love of God be shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit and peace and everlasting joy shall be yours. --Arranged.