

## A Love Worth Knowing By Martin Cisneros

You may have heard by now quite a few things said in the name of so-called "gospel ministry" about God saving a special few from coming times of destruction to the everlasting exclusion of everyone else. You may have heard that if you're reliable towards God and believe a certain way, then He'll be reliable towards you. But, I'm here to tell you that that is totally wrong!

Yes, actions and beliefs have consequences and you can very quickly find yourself in more hell than you can ever swim out of on your own. But Christ is there for you. Your hell is His hell. He'll never ever let go. The Bible says that even if you make your bed in hell that He's there with you. He's there until you're totally out of hell, ok? And nothing's too hot for Him to handle. No situation is too big for Him. He's telling you, today, just as the old song says, "Lean on Me when you're not strong and I'll help you carry on...."

Yes, like others will surely tell you, He has a wonderful plan for your life. But it goes much deeper than that. His plans are "you and Him forever -- no matter what!" The Bible says that a man may devise his plans, but that ultimately it's the Lord's purposes that prevail. Ephesians 1:10-11 says that the plan of the ages is for God to draw all things to Himself in Christ. Colossians 1:15-20 basically begs all of us to take all of the limits off of what God can do and who He can draw to Himself through the peace he's weaving (like a web) through the sacrificial Blood of Jesus Christ.

And again, yes, actions and beliefs do have consequences, but even the apparent abandoning of a sinner by God is no different than when God temporarily forsook Jesus on the cross.

All things are being worked towards a deeper and more purified end!

The Bible is full of promises, from cover to cover, of God reclaiming the abandoned, whether it's those that others have abandoned or even if it's those that He Himself may have abandoned for a season to their own way(s).

Yes, there's much that needs to be harmonized in the Bible with this message I'm bringing you today. And there are quite a few translational issues and traditions of interpretation that this totally goes against. But, in your heart, you know that if there's a loving God that He's got to be a lot better, a lot more merciful and just, and a whole lot wiser than you've been hearing out of a lot of mainstream religion.

All of us are fully capable of inviting His wrath (or haven't you noticed?), but none of us can ever [ultimately] dismiss His love!

You came from God and you'll ultimately return to Him, either the easy way through Christ's invitation or through sharing in Christ's sufferings. Do you want to come to Christ through the dinner table or through many spankings back into God's arms?

If you crave God's dinner table, His smile, and affectionate embrace then just briefly let Christ know that while there's a whole lot of issues that the two of you need to work out, together, that they are things you will work out together, eventually, but that in the mean time you're now claiming His gift of life.

If you want to put your relationship with God off for a while, then get ready for things to get really hard and uncomfortable because things will get a whole lot worse before you choose to let Him make them better!

Either way, He loves you and wants you free from the lies of alleged conditional love on His part. God's love is unconditional. Yes, real life for you in this life is not unconditional, but His (ultimate) purpose is! All He's asked any of us to do is to let Christ make these things real to our hearts, enjoy our life with God, and share the ultimate intents of His heart with a lost and hurting world. God's love is much more than you could ever hope for in life and in death.

It's the most real thing you can ever know! Real gospel ministry is just simply an announcement of His forcefully advancing Kingdom. The changes that happen in your heart as a result are purely between you and Him. He did pay the ultimate price to put all sin under His feet through His offering up of Himself as a sacrifice on the cross, but even though the ways of God are many, the purpose of God is One. And the nature of that One Purpose is what I've been sharing with you today.

He'll never give up on you, no matter how many hells you want to lead Him into afresh. No matter how stern He ever winds up having to be with you, you'll never quench His love. He'll never be satisfied without you. He's not willing to spend eternity without you! He's not willing!

God will never permanently nor ultimately put up with any of the lying, cheating, stealing, and dishing out of pain that this world is involved in. It's your choice, ok? You can have your hell as hot as you want it, but God's love is hotter and your conscience will damn you further and longer than God ever will. He'll never give up on you. He's not willing to spend eternity without you. You can spend all of the time in personal agitation and war against everything that you think that your heart can handle, or you can come to your heavenly Father and say, "I don't understand any of it, but Jesus said You've been waiting for me to come home. So, I'm here!"

Self-interest at the expense of God and others will always hunt you down and rob you of your peace and self-respect. But, God's love is the only thing that's eternal. You can't out run God and you can't push Him away forever. His love for you will triumph over your opposition in the end! Christ died as a sacrifice on the cross to give you the transfusion of peace that you've been needing in your heart, for your heart, and between you and God. You can frustrate His dream for you on earth if you insist on your own ways, but there's coming a day when you won't be able to get enough of the Presence of God; when His punishment of your pride will be more than you can stand, but when the sense of His love will surround you and fill you with hope you won't feel like you deserve. Actions and beliefs are loaded with consequences, but Christ will never stop looking for you. He'll never leave your hell until you're out of it and back into the arms of God.

Don't think for a moment that your sin, your frustration, or your pain is ever going to be any kind of shield between you and the love of your heavenly Father. There's no way He's going to spend eternity without you and you know in your heart of hearts that this is the truth, regardless of whatever you've been told by [or about] the Church or faulty translations of the Bible in the past! You can't run far enough or fast enough to escape the Kingdom of God. You can cost yourself the privilege of being a healer with Christ through your own stubbornness and rebellion. You might even die and go to hell, but God's not turning loose of you, no matter what!

In the end, all that will count is where God stands with you! You can cause a lot of problems for Him to have to fix, but He's big enough to! He's powerful enough to! He's loving enough to! You'll never destroy God's dream of spending eternity with you; showing you the infinite riches of His love. He is a just God and He'll set things in order. You might not be too comfortable while He's doing it either. The judgments of God are far worse than you've ever heard or feared because they're surgical in nature. Surgery always hurts a lot more than a punch in the teeth or stomach! God's surgical judgments will cut to the very bottom-line of your soul. God's power will expose all that you've done like a cancer in His creation and He will burn you in the radiation of His Word to set every molecule of your being back in line with His purpose and will.

Don't ever think that judgment is somehow less real just because in the end you'll be in the loving arms of God, no matter how many ages that it takes. Your heavenly Father will put up with a lot less nonsense out of you than a lot of earthly fathers, but He loves you and wants the best for you. He sent Jesus to put the danger of eternal separation forever behind you and God.

Nothing can ever separate you from the heart of God. You can have heaven in the depths of the deepest hell because of this, both now and in the ages to come. God will wrap up death in the blanket He's weaving with the Blood and Intercessions of Jesus and toss all of the fear that you've ever had in the past, along with all of the disobedience, as far as

the east is from the west.

Nothing less than heaven's Blood and Christ's righteousness could have ever taken away the pain and darkness from you. Nothing less than God's love will bring peace and wholeness to your soul. Bow on your knees, like the Apostle Thomas did a long time ago before the Resurrected Almighty Love of God and say it from your heart, "My Lord and my God!"

We may freely look with loving expectancy for the salvation of all of Creation for as long as there is Power in the Blood of Jesus Christ, Life in the Body of Christ, Supremacy in the Spirit of Christ, Wisdom in the Heart of Christ, and Eager Longing in the heart of the Father for the salvation of all of Creation.

As others have said before me, "yes, repentance, faith, sanctification, holiness, discipleship, good works, praise and worship are obligatory upon all."

While it is true that no one is saved until they are saved, it is equally true that Christ is always lurking, prowling, plotting, and preparing. Take a look with me at a few verses of Scripture:

As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. (1Corinthians 15:22)

The Bible gives no allowance for doubting the security of the ultimate destiny of the human race. Just as we don't know how long it was between Adam's creation and Adam's transgression, we're not given a precise number of years or ages within which to expect the redemptive work of Christ to find its completion in the last life somewhere, whether in this world or in some other.

1Corinthians 15 says that each will be redeemed in their own order. And we're assured that not all flesh is like every other piece of flesh, either in this life or in the resurrection from mortality and corruption. We're simply instructed that Christ died, was buried, and rose again according to the Scriptures, and to be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labor in the Lord isn't in vain.

If our labor in the Lord isn't in vain, then surely His labor isn't in vain in a single life anywhere.

Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. (Ezekiel 18:4)

This is a pregnant promise of the Scriptures when you remember 1Corinthians 15:22 and Colossians 1:15-20. Christ has the preeminence in all things. He is the very Word

through which all things were created according to John chapter 1.

He's made peace for all things that He has made in the heavens and in the earth through His Blood at the Cross, according to Colossians 1:15-20.

All souls are His. Christ didn't come to set aside the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them, according to Matthew 5:17-18. And all souls are His from generation to generation.

He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. (Micah 7:19)

It says in 1Corinthians 15:25 that Christ must reign until all of His enemies are under His feet. Here in Micah 7:19 it says that He will tread our iniquities under foot. If He is the lamb of God Who has taken away the sin of the world according to John 1:29 and 1Peter 1:18-19, and we know from Ezekiel 18:4 that all souls are His, then all of our doubts are removed and all of our fears are cast out.

In Isaiah 43:25-26 we are told that He is doing these things for His own sake:

I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Put Me in remembrance, let us argue our case together; state your cause, that you may be proved right. (Isaiah 43:25-26)

We are told here to put Him in remembrance. We must put Him in remembrance because He told us to. We must put Him in remembrance that He has wiped out our transgressions according to 1Peter 2:24 and 2Corinthians 5:21. Put Him in remembrance that all souls are His, according to Ezekiel 18:4. Put Him in remembrance of Lamentations 3:22-23:

The Lord's loving-kindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is His faithfulness! (Lamentations 3:22-23)

For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would grow faint before Me, and the breath of those whom I have made. (Isaiah 57:16)

The Lord is not a contender for the souls of men, because He won that victory on the Cross. He would not always be angry, because according to 1Corinthians 13, His love never fails.

The Lord doesn't want for us to be faint before Him. He wants for us to know that He will not contend forever.

It is a matter of Covenant record in several places throughout the Scriptures that:

He will not always strive with us, nor will he keep His anger forever. (Psalm 103:9)

And if it's that much of a matter of Covenant record, then what else are we to conclude but that Jesus shed His Blood in the behalf of it?

He doesn't want us to be afflicted, storm-tossed, and not comforted, according to Isaiah 54, but He wants us speaking the truth in love, and growing up in all respects into Christ, no longer walking as the Gentiles, but walking in the new self according to Ephesians 4:15-24.

The new self knows in it's deepest parts that He will not contend forever, because all souls are His, according to Ezekiel 18:4, and if He eternally grieves the souls He's made, then who is there to cheer Him but those He's grieved?!

In Him we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. (Ephesians 1:7)

According to the riches of His grace, we have redemption through His Blood. Colossians 1:20 says He's made peace through the Blood of His cross for all things in the heavens and in the earth that lacked it. It's as if His Blood were the raw building blocks of redemption. It's more than some sort of psychic phenomenon that His Blood is either singing or judiciously declaring peace and forgiveness on some mystical plane we're unable to listen in on.

Though something of that nature may possibly be involved, at the same time there's another sense in which the coagulating part of the Blood of Christ is holding all of creation together so that it can't continue to hemorrhage in the trauma of the previous eons. All of creation is destined to know soundness through the cleansing transfusion of the Son of God.

The book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ says that the only path to overcoming is through, "the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony." (Revelation 12:11) As we focus on the propitiation for our sins and for the sins of the whole world (1John 2:2), we'll understand something of the riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19) through which justification through His Blood (Romans 5:9) is genuinely our Good News to share with the whole world (Matthew 28:18-20).

Salvation isn't a prayer, magical creed, or "holier than thou" living. Salvation is a Person. Salvation is Jesus Christ. Salvation is that special miracle that happens when

you have an encounter with the risen Jesus Christ and you can't help but surrender everything to Him because for the first time in your life you know who He is.

If His Spirit has touched you recently in some unexplainable way, either through the writings of this website or in some other way, and if you're just seeking the right words of personal devotion and surrender to the Son of God, then perhaps this prayer is for you:

My Father and my God, I believe in my heart that You've raised Jesus from the dead, that His Blood has removed all of my sins, and that Jesus is Lord over all of creation. I submit my life to Jesus' Lordship and ask to be filled with Your Holy Spirit. I thank You for touching my life, making salvation real to me and inside of me. From now on, I expect Your guidance because I look to You. I thank You for everything. Amen!

Someone asked a question a while back, that I want to address for a few minutes, just in case someone else has been wondering about the same thing. They asked "How do you comment on Hell when the subject comes up with a small group of believers and they are talking about hell fire and damnation for the wicked, just in a general conversation?" They added additionally, "Do you keep quiet? Or if you do say something, what would be your opening comment(s)? That you disagree? Or is that too hard a statement. Or do you ask questions in a provocative manner to make them think or to turn the tables on the subject?"

I tend to focus people on the power of the finished work of the Cross and the reality of Jesus' High Priestly ministry in seeking/saving the lost, Who also hears their confession of faith and submission to His Lordship. I'll focus people on the promise of the Holy Spirit to convict of sin, righteousness, and judgment.

The Holy Spirit was sent to empower the lives of believers for all things that pertain to life and Godliness. The Holy Spirit was also sent to empower the lives of the lost to believe in the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and to empower them to renounce their ungodliness, and to take upon them the yoke of Christ which is easy and light. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to reach the lost. The Holy Spirit empowers the wicked to turn a listening ear towards the rebuke of the righteous.

The Blood of Jesus was shed to stand as a fountain of cleansing for all of mankind. Jesus is Lord and Jesus is faithful to draw sinners to the throne of grace so that fully knelt before Him, they would then become heirs of the gift of holiness, righteousness, gladness, purity, peace, provision, and wholeness.

Jesus is faithful all of the days of our lives to reveal truth, repentance, and transformation through each of us who believe to this lost, sinful, reprobate world.

God has made a provision through Christ that is sufficient to reclaim, re-mold, and restore a destroyed world through Christ. Everyone who believes is cleansed and restored from everything that they couldn't do anything about on their own.

I focus on these things then I'll simply tell them that I believe that salvation is only through Jesus Christ, repentance, grace, faith, and obedience to Him. I'll politely inform them that I believe in the finished work of the Cross and that I will not dispute with them in matters of Bible prophecy. I'll press upon them that it's sufficient for them to know that I believe in the Great Commission, salvation through Christ and His Blood alone, and in the needs for discipleship, holy living, and good works and that if these don't suffice as a basis for fellowshiping with me, then it is they who have forsaken the fellowship with fellow believers that we're exhorted in Scripture to not neglect, and that they need to repent of judging their brother in an unjust manner, not keeping Christ's commandment of love, and it is they who are tempting the Lord, falling from grace, and in danger of losing their Candle from it's place.

I usually never have to go quite so far, because most believers will press me about the basics a time or two, and when they find that I have a ready answer, am living right, and am zealous for the Lord, purity, and good works, they usually have an unspoken agreement with me to agree to disagree and to pray, and not press me about end times matters any more.

Sincere believers will just want to know that you love the Lord with all your heart, are committed to the Scriptures, are living right, are leading others to the Lord, and are being an example of how the household of God should conduct themselves, even if they don't understand the Scriptural basis for all of your beliefs.

His faithfulness abounds as He Teaches us all things because He Teaches, then our God demonstrates the Teaching. His Teachings are challenging and praiseworthy and His passionate compassion endures to all ages. Every Hell meets it's end, every foe is vanquished, and every soul is saved. He heals, He delivers, He's the giver of every good and perfect gift. You can be sure that if He's given it, when you've grown in wisdom, it proves to be the very one and the very thing and the very way you wanted it.

He's the Instructor of the eons themselves. His compassions are not only new every morning, but every ray of light is never the last one He gave, as cloud differs from cloud, they're like the previous one, but their ability to open the eyes and the dimension they open the eyes to are different every morning. Every color is different everyday. As the multi-verse matches the pace of learning in it's expansion and the ever-increasing rate at which it grows, we may be sure that every day will be more glorious than the one before it.

Infirmity is falling away from Creation with each person Christ raises from the dead. Lack of peace in God's Creation is giving way to new dimensions of peace every moment of everyday as the grains of grief, like grains of sand, are replaced each moment with grains of glory from the outflowing nature of the resurrection of Christ. Once there was no expanding multi-verse for us, but since Jesus has been raised from the dead, the multi-verse expands with the romance of His heart in ever-increasing measure as beauty becomes the ever-increasing cardinal law of the multi-verse and every fear of the past is diluted and passes away on the waves of Christ's Blood as His love takes death away, one grain at a time.

His faithfulness in Creation and Redemption, His faithfulness in marriage and resurrection, His faithfulness in romance, prosperity, and healing; to save, to protect, and to bring forth fruit for angels out of every life has only just begun. His commitment to fulfillment and to rob fear of its plunder, His passion to reveal compassion in every life everywhere and every-time has yet to fully dawn upon every child of the resurrection.

The Gospel will expand in its teaching to all nations until every world and every star has been drowned by love, by joy, by peace, and by contentment. His Gospel is the avowed enemy of every philosophy that holds creatures in poverty, in blindness, in wrath, in weakness, in hopelessness, in misery, and in paralysis. In the years to come, you will find the Son of God even more wrathful against all that holds lives in disobedience, unfruitfulness, weariness, unforgiveness, strife, blindness, torments, and shackles.

You will find shackles falling away, worship growing, fruitfulness multiplying, apocalyptic love forcefully advancing, loneliness being quenched, destinies being restored, death becoming harder to happen, fear becoming harder to prey and to bind, youth renewing, fountains of gardens producing new gardens as wholeness expands. Thanksgiving will become the universal iniquity, none shall lack their mate.

Toil, sorrow, sighing, unfruitfulness, and lack of contentment, aging, dehydration, corruption, and mortality will be swallowed up by the life of the Written Word of Christ fully screen printed onto every life, every destiny, and every DNA strand in all of Creation as the foam of God's praises overflows and thanksgiving rises higher and higher in evolution.