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The Love Of God-His Love For Us - posted by DRS, on: 2016/12/4 8:28

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"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written:

â€œFor Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.â€

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35-39)

A love beyond comprehension by these earthly minds of ours.

"Who shall separate us" "More than Conquerors" "For I am persuaded"

What if His Love for us so penetrated our minds our total beings continually that not one thing the warfare's of this life attacked us with could move us? Oh to say "I am persuaded" every moment of life. To experience His love flowing through us so that not one thing coming our way could upset us. So confident in His love that we are immovable in our faith in Him. Our hope through all the problems of this life is based on His love for us.

It's His love for us and not our love for Him that sustains us through sorrow.

"That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and heightâ€ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (Ephesians 3:16-20)

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Refrain:

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endureâ€
The saintsâ€™ and angelsâ€™ song.

When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call,
Godâ€™s love so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adamâ€™s raceâ€
The saintsâ€™ and angelsâ€™ song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

This last stanza was found written on the wall of an insane asylum after the inmate died and was the inspiration for the song.

Makes you wonder who was insane doesn't it?

Re: The Love Of God-His Love For Us - posted by Heydave (), on: 2016/12/4 9:29

The Love of God (1)

Frederick M. Lehman, author and composer, wrote a pamphlet, in 1948, entitled "History of the Song, The Love of God." It tells about the origin of this beloved hymn.

While at camp-meeting in a mid-western state, some fifty years ago in our early ministry, an evangelist climaxed his message by quoting the last stanza of this song. The profound depths of the line moved us to preserve the words for future generations.

Not until we had come to California did this urge find fulfillment, and that at a time when circumstances forced us to hard manual labor.

One day, during short intervals of inattention to our work, we picked up a scrap of paper and, seated upon an empty lemon box pushed against the wall, with a stub pencil, added the (first) two stanzas and chorus of the song.

Since the lines (3rd stanza from the Jewish poem) had been found penciled on the wall of a patient's room in an insane asylum, the general opinion was that this inmate had written the epic in moments of sanity.

Actually, the key-stanza (third verse) under question as to its authorship was written nearly one thousand years ago by a Jewish songwriter, and put on the score page by F.M. Lehman, a Gentile songwriter, in 1917.

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Re: The Love Of God -His Love For Us - posted by DRS, on: 2016/12/4 10:33

Evidently the inmate had read the poem of the Jewish writer. The original words of the Poem

Were the sky of parchment made,

A quill each reed, each twig and blade,

Could we with ink the oceans fill,

Were every man a scribe of skill,

The marvelous story, Of God's great glory

Would still remain untold; For He, most high

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The earth and sky Created alone of old.

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2016/12/4 17:40

There is a nice family film about the story of the pastor and his family witing this hymn. It's called 'Indescribable'.

Re: - posted by DRS, on: 2016/12/5 8:13

Re: - posted by DRS, on: 2016/12/5 8:17

Thanks Dave.I looked it up and it should be in Christian book stores and can be ordered on line.I'm going to look for it.