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God's love – Pt 4 The love of God passeth knowledge

In our previous study we established that God's love is perfected in us when we are charitable to our brethren, and in our final study on this topic we show that the love of God passeth knowledge.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. The love of God passeth knowledge.

"And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Eph.3: 19).

Science can never know the love of God by scientific study because the love of God (in Christ Jesus) is known by hearing the word of God and believing. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Prov,1: 7). The apostle Paul did not preach "with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power" (1Cor.2: 4), because the love God passeth knowledge.

2. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom.8: 39).

Whether in prison, in a foreign country, or a Protestant in the Dark Ages being burnt alive at the stake by the Roman Catholics, those in the body of Christ can never be separated from God's love.

3. God loves a cheerful giver.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2Cor 9:7).

See also 1Jn.3: 17.

When a man knows God's love without his wisdom, but by faith, when he knows in his heart that regardless of what he goes through nothing can separate him from God's love, then he seeks to do what God loves. And Rom.12 10 says "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love", and part of brotherly love is "distributing to the necessity of saints" (verse 13). Hence, when we give to our brother with a cheerful heart we show God's love, and also God loves those who give "not grudgingly", but have purposed in their heart to give to meet the needs of their brethren.

Additional comments on our three points.

The premise for evolutionary science is that God does not exist. From that premise they seek to prove their theories that the world was created from a blip. In doing so they further deny God's words and so continue to separate themselves from the love of God, by "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2Tim.3: 7) and being "lovers of pleasures" (2Tim.3: 4).

Applying the teaching to our life today.

When science denies scripture it is error. The NZ Protestant wrote an article on the Roman Catholic church using science to prove that a discarded wafer (host) showed signs of human tissue, and therefore supporting their doctrine that the wafer becomes the body of Christ during the Eucharist.

Question to think about.

What is the result of a "Christian" using science to prove spiritual truth?

My answer to our question from the scriptures.

They prove they are not Christian, because they believe not the word of God. Examples like "science falsely so called" (1Tim.6: 20). The love of God passeth knowledge and therefore cannot be established from science, which, with man's lust for wealth separates him from God. Whereas a Christian believes God's words, which establish that the love of God passeth knowledge. Amen!