



TEXT: JOHN 3: 16

RE: GODS LOVE

INTRO.

I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THE LOVE OF GOD.

AND...

I believe, you would agree with me that one of the most powerfuest emotion, among all emotion is the emotion called "love"

@ I was reading about the Taj Mahal in India which is one of the eight wonders of the world and you don't caled it as one of the wonders of the whole for no reason. But anyway, It was build in the year 1633, with a workforce of 20000 workers and took 17 years to build. It was build as a memorial by a King by the name of Shahajan to her Queen called Mumtaz Mahal as a proof for his undying love for her. When she died in 1631, at the age of 39, the King was inconsolable and for 2 years, there was no music, no feasting and no celebration of any kind, in which after her death, he had this magnificent building build in memorial of her Queen

17 years to build, 20000 workers for 2 years, 2 years of mourning, no celebration of any kind...

If you ever get to visit that structure, it was love for the reason why it is there...

LOVE...

Is a powerful emotion and when the emotion of love gets involved...

No valley is too deep...
No mountain is too high...
No future mother in law is too difficult to handle...
No darkness is too dark...
No hours is too late...
No lack of vitamin M is too lacking...

When under the spell of love, there is nothing a man or a woman can and would not do

@ One man says...

"When love gets hold of a man, that man will have a hard time of getting a hold of himself

It is a powerful emotion. It can do things to a man and a woman that no other emotion can do...

@ Classmate so in love

@ Judge in Penang = declare his love for her every year costing 15k an ad but later put a gun in his head and put the trigger...

Of all emotions, I have to say "love" is the most powerful emotions of all.

AND FOR THIS SERVICE, I WANT TO TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF YOUR TIME TO SPEAK TO YOU ON THE SUBJECT ABOUT THE "LOVE OF GOD OR GODS LOVE"

FOR...

If you take a look at everything in life, the creation and especially why God sent his son JC to be born and to die on the cross, the reason is because of a "love that God has for you" or to put it in another way "God is in love with you"

And isn't it wild, that God is in love with us...

I mean, if we be honest, all of us are not very lovable people...

We are...

Self-centre = we many times, think only and for and about ourselves (What is yours is mines and what is mine is mine)

Arrogant and prideful (pigeon eyes)

Very judgmental...

We are very critical and sharp with our tongue



Argumentive
Jealous...
Ungrateful...
Not teachable...

If we really be honest, most humanity is not very lovable...

@ Something to think about that is in Italy, the ratio of cats and dogs are more than people. There are more cats and dogs than human beings

@ Listen to this Jer 17:9

"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked;
Who can know it?"

BUT...

Though, this is the state of man, yet through Gods words and by his act of love, the Bible tell us that he is in love with us...

@ In our text in John 3: 16...

@ In Roms 5: 8...

But God display or show his love towards us, in that while we will yet sinners, Christ died for us"

@ In Ps 8: 4, David says these words...

"What is man that you are mindful of him and the son of man that you visit him"

Why are you thinking of him?

Why is man always in your thoughts?

Make no mistake, the reason for John 3: 16, is because God is in love with you"

WHICH...

Leads us to the big question that is "Why is God so attracted to us or why is God so in love with us?"

And the answer to that is because “we are all his offspring” or we all originated or come from him...

@ We did not come from monkeys. CD who originated the idea of mankind originating from monkeys is not really sound. If it is true I will have a big problem controlling this service...

Allow me to proof that theory wrong that is (Monkeys don't pray, there do not go to a place of worship like this).
There don't grasp their hands and go down on their knees...
In times of trouble, monkeys do not cried out to a higher power but there only scream...

But you and I, do, even though you may not have much knowledge of God, you would called out to God “God help me”
When you are going for an exam, when you are going for a job interview, when you are travelling or when you are in trouble...
And the reason why that is so, is because we all have our origin from God. We are all his offspring.

When God made us he did something extra which he did not do for the entire animal kingdom that is he breath his spirit into all of us and we became a living soul and for that reason, since we originate from him, we pray, we look up to him in our hour of need.

And because, we are all his offspring, he is in love with us...

Q? Who in the world do not love his own?
Q? Who in the world, would not look at his offsring and smile?

AND...

Because we are his offspring, love involves what you call a concern...

Just as parents or spouses are concern for their children and for one another, their health, future, education, God is too concern about you and I...

@ If you are a parent and if there is any problems with your child you would do your best and give your best to help him or her to the best of your ability even



to death...

True love involves a concern for what is happening to the other party and in that concern shows it in the best possible manner

AND...

Likewise God tonight, who is in love with us...

He is concern about what is happening to us you can say 24/7...

@ Ps 139:1-3

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

In love there is always a concern...

BUT...

The concern that he has for us is far more than the usual concerns that mankind on earth has...

Most humanity concerns themselves with the temporal things of life, like a roof over their head or a higher education degree or a car which is not something that is wrong but God who is in love with you is concern more about a very important issue that is "Where will you go when you step into eternity?" not when but where will we go?"

The fact of life, is there is appointed a day when we will have to step into eternity whether you are a King or a Queen or a beggar or a Chinese, Indonesian, 20 or 100 years old, genius or just ordinary, a movie star or a taxi driver...

For everyone who is ever born, there is what you called an "Eternity awaiting all of us"

It means there is an afterlife, there is a continuing life that will not cease or will



not stop but will go on forever, for all eternity...

AND...

The issue in eternity that concerns God is where will we all go when we step into eternity...

This is the concern of God. He is not into how many masters you have gotten, how many millions you have made, how many records you have broken in the Guinness Book of World Record, the one main thing that concerns him is where will you go when the time comes

...

@ There is a famous singer from HK and when he discovered that he has cancer and only a short time to live, he was so totally filled with fear about where he is going to go. He begins to read and consult but even that fear grips his heart about the after world.

And this is the concern of the God who is in love with you that is where will you go after all is said and done...

Will you go up or will you go down...

In the belief of most religion, they believe that they will go down.

@ When my sister passed away due to cancer -(hell note - get one sample piece)

BUT...

Down which is hell is not a nice place to go, listen to the words of JC concerning this place...

@ Mark 9:42-48

"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched -- 44 where 'Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.' 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into



hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched 46 where 'Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.'47 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire 48 where 'Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.'

3 times he emphasises the words "Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched"

To those who steps into this place it will be for all eternity and there will be 2 horrible companion that will be accompanying them for all eternity that is the worms that cannot die and fire that cannot be put off...

@ When death occurs, what you find in death are worms

AND...

Because of this inescapable subject of eternity, God sent his son JC to be born and to die on the cross so that through his death, mankind can escape this place of horror and made heaven their home...

JC was born so that he would die to pay for our sins through the cross...

Sin cannot be pay through good works...

@ Before I became a Christian, I thought that if I do more good works, my good works will outweigh my bad works...

But I realized that good works only balance the weight so to say but does not remove the guilt of sin or set me free from the bondage of sin...
It does not make me clean on the inside...

The only thing that can made me clean which I found out when I was 27 years old is Gods love for me through his giving of his son JC on the cross for me...

When I accept him and confess my sins and believe that he died and rose from the dead, I felt forgiven and clean on the inside and more than that, I no more fear death itself.



CLOSING

USE TO THINK CHRISTIANITY WAS FOR WEAK PEOPLE...

I was brought up to me a positive thinker and one who believe in oneself to achieve life success but realize at the age of 27 that I cannot do it on my own...