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SONGS: Glorious Love

Out of His Great love

INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes, brought to you by Sandbek Ministries. We are in an exciting study called, ‘Making the best of our emotions’. We’re so glad you could join us as we study God’s Word to see what we’re supposed to do with the emotions God has placed in us. Let’s review before we continue.

We began by citing the importance of yielding our emotions to God so they can be exercised and controlled properly. We also noted the fact that God had emotions, too. He experiences delight. He rejoices. He can be pleased or not pleased and He gets angry. In addition, God is zealous for His Name, compassionate toward us, jealous for our love, and hates sin. But, over and above all these emotions is His incredible love, which is Who He is.

Today we will once again look at the emotion of love. But before we do, we’ll hear it described in an old song with a new melody, as our host, Barbara Sandbek sings ‘Glorious love’.

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***** GLORIOUS DAY *****

*One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a Virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He*

*Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed*

*Living He loved me, dying He saved me
And buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day*

*One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He*

*Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me*

*'Cause living He loved me, dying He saved me
And buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day*

*One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore*

*Death could not hold Him
The grave could not keep Him from rising again*

*Living He loved me, dying He saved me
And buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day
Glorious day*

*One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day, my beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine*

*Living He loved me, dying He saved me
And buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day
Glorious day, oh, glorious day*

In Miriam Neff's book entitled, 'Women and their emotions', she states, 'Love is probably the most misrepresented and mismanaged of all the emotions. The Bible has more to say about love than any other emotion. It is the greatest motivator. It is to be the primary mark of the Christian.'

Love is so important that 1 John 4:8 says: 'Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. '

How does God love? Consider this. We say we love when we feel loved, or are really attracted to another person because they please us in some way. But Romans 5:8 states that God loved us when we had nothing to offer - and even rejected him. His love was His choice - He made us in His image and likeness and wanted **OUR fellowship. Now that's incredible **AND** humbling!**

Here are just a few of the benefits we, Believers in Jesus, receive because of His love. John 3:16 says God **GAVE His Son, Jesus, to be sacrificed so that we might **LIVE** eternally with Him. According to 1 John 4:12-13, when we accept Jesus as our Savior, God gives us His own Spirit to confirm this in our hearts. 1 John 3:1 lets us know that He accepts us into His family. What a great verse. It reads...**

How great is the love the Father has **LAVISHED on us, that we should be called children of God!**

Psalm 42:8 so beautifully describes His love...

By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me...

...Wonder what His voice sounds like.

So what is love anyway? Let's take a look at the Greek language and see.

There are four Greek words for 'love'; 'Philia', or the love between friends, 'Storgé', or familial love, especially between parents and their children and also with close relatives, 'Éros', which has a pagan sexual sense, a Platonic philosophical sense, and a Christian sense to describe a Christian's being pulled toward

God. The basic meaning is attraction. These three words describe basically what Society calls love. The motivating interest behind these types of love is self-interest, self-gratification, and self-protection. This 'conditional' love for the most part involves giving, expecting something in return. Here the 'feeling' of love is motivated by the excitement of getting love, and is not necessarily due to the love for another.

'Agápe' is Christian love, the kind God shows toward us. The correct noun in English would be cherishing. It is unselfish Christian love as taught by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount and summed up by Paul in 1 Corinthians 13. It is a self-sacrificing love in that it 'lives to give'. Agape may be best defined as a steadfast commitment to act on someone else's behalf. Once a person becomes a child of God, washed from sin by the shed blood of the Lamb, Agape love abides in him or her.

How can WE love like God does? First, we have to have the Agape love inside us, then, we have to CHOOSE TO.

1 Corinthians chapter 13 is a description of the divine character of God & Jesus. It portrays how we are to represent God's love on earth. If you can, look up this chapter and read along as I summarize.

Verses 1-3 speak to us of the necessity and importance of love. Our good works will be of no lasting benefit or value if they aren't done in love, because the person won't hear and won't be helped.

Verses 4-7 give a description of love's properties. Love is patient, kind, doesn't envy, doesn't boast, isn't proud, isn't rude, isn't self-seeking or easily angered. This is a renunciation of self – and seeks the good of others. It also doesn't keep a record of wrongs, it doesn't delight in evil - rather rejoices with the truth. It protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.

Verses 8-13 remind us that love is greater than all other gifts or graces. Agape love presumes good when it doesn't see it, and

bears with evil when it sees it, covering it by longsuffering and patience; not bringing it to light, but burying it in its own depth, which is unfathomable, because love never changes.

Having said all that, how do WE show Agape love.

1 John 4: 16 and Matthew 25:39-40 say we are to live in love, realizing that whatever we do to and for others, we do to and for God. We are also to love our brothers – fellow Believers in Christ.

But, Matthew 5:43-46 goes even farther. We are to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Now that's tough.

The greatest display of Jesus' love was on the cross when He asked God to 'forgive His enemies'. Now that really takes love. It is SO unhuman. We need to realize, though, that WE are ALL enemies of God until we receive Jesus as our Savior. And when we do, out of His great love, God picks us out of the mire of sin, cleans us up and sets our feet on the Rock (Christ Jesus) to stay. Now that's love beyond measure.

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***** OUT OF HIS GREAT LOVE* LENGTH: 2:11**

Chorus:

*Out of His Great Love
He picked me up
Set my feet on a sturdy rock
Out of His Great Love I've learned the meaning of
Salvation out of His Great Love (x2)*

*I had gone astray
I had lost my way
When I called upon His name.
Then he rescued me
And the song I sang,
What a Loving God is he.*

(Chorus)

*Now I shout his praise
Through all my days
For his endless mercy and grace.*

*There's no other one
Who has greater love.
With Joy I'll ever say*

(Chorus)

*Chorus:
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Salvation Out of His Great Love

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