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**Slice of Life**

John 3:16-19 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (19) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (KJV)

This week let’s discuss this God we serve and what He is really about. Simply put we serve an all loving God who loves you for who you are today, right now. It is the sin part of the equation that He desires to see eliminated from our lives so that we can have a much better life, not only while we are here in this realm but also so that we can spend eternity in this love. Oh and just a side note; again we see a God who cannot lie, He specifically says that He sent us His Son. So for those that claim that Jesus was God, well they are just not reciprocating the love of God in return when they make these false claims.

1John 4:7-9 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. (8) He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. (9) In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. (KJV)

God’s message of salvation is sent in love, and those that respond in love will understand truly how it works. Those who make statements that are not in line with God do not know and understand the love of God, thus why they are still in darkness making claims that are not based on truth.

1John 4:10-12 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (11) Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. (12) No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. (KJV)

If we would have loved God first then we would not have lived a life of sin in our past. It was not you that found God; rather, it was God that found you once you realized how weak and feeble you really are without the love of God being shed abroad in your heart. It took some humility on our part to accept the love of God; and staying humble will keep us in good standing with Him.

1John 4:16-18 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. (17) Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. (18) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. (KJV)

When one truly grows and matures in Christ what they realize more and more is what the Lord has done and is willing to do on their behalf in a loving gesture; and not like some dictator waiting to punish the people. When you understand the love of God it causes you to be strong and bold in the Lord, knowing that you truly are an ambassador of Christ and a real example of the believers.

1John 4:19-21 We love him, because he first loved us. (20) If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? (21) And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. (KJV)

You know, if you don’t learn to love God and His people while here on earth, then what makes you think that He is going to give you access to His eternal realm come time to stand before His judgment seat?