

The Unfailing Love of God

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However, at just the right time, God sent one other man, Jesus, into the world and through His one act of righteousness, many are made right with God. What was this one act of righteousness? Jesus died on the cross for the sin of the world. He had no sin but became sin to put to death sin in the body. He endured the suffering of the cross because He looked forward to us being made right with God. What did we do to deserve such kindness? “**God demonstrates His own love for us in this while we were still sinners Christ died for us**”. Since Christ loved us while we were sinners, we did nothing to deserve His kindness; He freely gave us undeserved love. He did this so that we would live for Him. ‘**He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness**’ How do we die to sins and live for righteousness? We consider our selves to be dead to sin since Christ died for our sins. We are alive to God through faith by the Holy Spirit. If we shrink back, what then? Well, how does a plant grow? The seed is planted in the ground and watered and it grows by a miracle of God, if indeed the soil is good (Matthew 13). Likewise, the Truth is planted in you and God will make Him grow through watering. You will become the miracle of God. Continue in this Word which has the power to save you, striving to convict and assure yourself in the teachings of Christ which is by faith in the Word of grace and truth. Hold firm to the Truth, Who is Jesus Christ. There is one who is called the devil and his kingdom is this world; he will try to steal from you what God has freely given; he does this through unbelief and vain pleasures and wiles and beguiling.

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