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Into Our World

Every year during our vacation we put together a puzzle. We begin by dumping all the pieces out on a table. Then we display the front of the box in a prominent place because it shows a picture of the completed puzzle. Without a picture of the finished puzzle, it would take a long time to put it together. It might even be impossible. We're glad to have the picture.

In the Old Testament, God's people didn't have a full picture of His plan. They had pieces of the puzzle, but they didn't have the "big" picture. When Jesus came, He was the picture. He was God incarnate. He was "the visible image of the invisible God".¹ Through Him the mystery of salvation was unveiled.

The Apostle Paul understood this mystery by revelation. In Galatians 1:12 he said, "For I neither received [the Gospel] of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." The Gospel that Paul taught, that he understood, came to him because Jesus revealed it to him. The same thing can happen to you and me today. As we read the Scriptures, the Spirit of God will explain God's Word, and the mystery of the Gospel is unveiled to our heart.

As a child, I learned a lot about the Scripture. At an early age, I understood John 3:16. I knew the truth revealed in "For by grace are you saved through faith."² I understood the plan of salvation, yet I didn't know that every Christian became a "new creation".³ I didn't know these new Christians were transported from darkness to light.⁴ I didn't know that Satan was a

viable foe who walked the earth "seeking whom he may devour."⁵ I didn't know a lot of things. But when I stepped into Pentecost and began to diligently study the scriptures, the Holy Spirit became my teacher. It was wonderful!

As we learn the precious truths of God, we become ambassadors of this revealed mystery. The commission of Mark 16:15 tells us to "preach the gospel". The word of our Lord as recorded by Matthew says, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations."⁶ These words apply to every Christian. We are stewards and ambassadors of the Gospel of God.

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The Love Of God Is So Big!

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. John 3:16

God so loved the world! I love this declaration of our Lord Jesus Christ. The magnitude of God's love for the world is voiced in these powerful words from John 3:16. This verse, which is read, quoted, and revered by every Christian, reveals the death of our Lord. It asserts the extent of God's love in one word. It declares that God SO loved the world. This little word, SO, impacts and challenges our heart. It affirms the expanse of God's love, its breadth, length, depth, and height. As it expands the borders of our understanding,



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A steward is one who is responsible for the goods of another, who does something for someone else at their command. The steward of Abraham took ten camels and traveled to the city of Nahor to find a wife for Isaac. The Scripture reports that “all the goods of his master were in his hand.”⁷ King David’s stewards had charge over “all the substance and possessions of the king.”⁸ Potiphar chose Joseph as his steward

putting everything that he owned into Joseph’s hand. These stewards were “major players”. And you and I are “major players”. We have the mystery of the Gospel in our spirit. We are commissioned to explain what we know and to declare what we understand.

I like what I heard a missionary say many years ago. As he read the Great Commission from Matthew 28:19, he didn’t say, “Go ye.” He said, “As you are going.” What a wonderful word from the Lord! Every believer is going somewhere and talking to someone. We talk to barbers, beauticians, teachers, waiters, waitresses, clerks, cashiers, technicians, bankers, co-workers, neighbors, and many others. Each of us speaks to different people. I probably don’t know your neighbors and you don’t know my neighbors. But in our world, the mystery we have in our spirits and minds, we distribute to the people we know. The Holy Spirit has given us understanding. He is teaching us daily. He is revealing the truths of God to us. AS WE ARE GOING INTO OUR WORLD, we can share these great truths. We are stewards of God.

¹ Colossians 1:15, NLT

² Ephesians 2:8

³ 2 Corinthians 5:17

⁴ 1 Peter 2:9

⁵ 1 Peter 5:8

⁶ Matthew 28:19

⁷ Genesis 24:10

⁸ 1 Chronicles 28:1, NKJV



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we become aware that the love of God for man is great, so great. Our words are not adequate to grasp its dimensions or explain its grandeur. It is so big!

Our comprehension of the greatness of God’s love begins with a study of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the only begotten Son. As we mediate in the Word of God, our eyes are opened to the wonder of His sacrifice. We acknowledge His death as the foundation of God’s plan to rescue man from sin and oppression. The truth of this loving sacrifice is conveyed by the Apostle John in 1 John 3:16. In this verse, He declares, *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us.* Did you notice the word *perceive*? Through the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, we can perceive the love of God. When our hearts comprehend His love, we confess that we are sinners and Jesus is the Savior. It is through the work of the Holy Spirit that we are drawn to Jesus as the sacrifice for our sin.

Every man who acknowledges the death of Jesus for sin and receives Him as Savior and Lord is changed

by God’s love. This magnificent change is proclaimed by our Lord Jesus in John 5:24. He states, *He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.* Oh, my! What an impact this scripture has in our heart! God’s love has brought us *life, everlasting life.*

The promise of everlasting life is heralded over and over again in God’s Word. In 1 John 3:14 the inspired words of the Holy Spirit declare, *We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren.* We hear this truth again when the Apostle John testifies, *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.* Oh, do you see it? God’s love was revealed so that we *might live.* We can believe in Jesus and receive life, everlasting life. This is glorious! The *love* of God has defeated death and brought us the life of God.

The above is an excerpt from chapter 1 of Becky Combee’s upcoming book “And This Is Love”.