

Religion

It is easy to love those who love us

By DOREEN PALMER

When you and I were babies, our mothers fed us, clothed us, and cared for our every need. When we cried, she comforted us, loved us, but didn't spank us. She knew we were too weak and helpless to attend to our own needs, or even tell her about them. She loved us without expecting our love in return.

When we are born into the world of the Spirit, we are dependent upon our Father in heaven to love and nurture us. Like the love of a mother, God's love is great enough to meet our every need.

A small baby cannot understand or return love. In the same way, one

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born into the kingdom of God cannot comprehend the greatness of his Father's love for him. However, as time goes on, both the physical child and the spiritual child begin to realize that the one who provides their every need truly does love them.

So it is that as we grow up spiritually we begin to comprehend the

love of a God who would send His only Son to our world to die that we might inherit eternal salvation. We begin to talk to Him just as a baby learns to talk to his parents. At first it is a few words, but our response and communication develops as we grow. We begin to respond to and love the One who has cared for us for so long.

Christianity is the development of a relationship with Jesus, its founder.

The One to whom we relate is God Himself. (1) We learn to love Him because He loves us.

Moses was told that in order to get water from the rock he must speak to

it. (2) Since Jesus is our Rock (3), we too must speak to Him if we wish to receive the cleansing power of His Spirit. Moses became angry at the people instead of speaking to the rock. Often you and I, instead of praying to Jesus, blame others for our predicaments.

Jesus knew how difficult it would be for those who have never seen Him in person to believe in Him and speak to Him. He told the doubting Thomas, "Because you have seen Me you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed". (4)

Paul put it this way, "Now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face; now I know in part but then shall I know even as also I am known". (5) We need not put ourselves on a guilt trip because we have difficulty developing and maintaining an effectual prayer life. Jesus is well aware of our problem of speaking to One we can't see. He knows we are but children of dust and He is the eternal "I AM". (6)

Great Christians whose faith is very strong got there by much self-discipline and perseverance in their prayer life. This is difficult at first,

but because we know how much He loves us, it gradually becomes a pleasure to be in His company. The old hymn writer aptly spoke of his 'Sweet Hour of Prayer'.

Only as we comprehend the boundless love the Father has for His created children can we truly praise and worship Him. Christianity is not a religion of strict laws, but rather it is a love relationship with Jesus. We obey His laws not because of fear, but because of love.

Just as we want to do something for our parents when we grow up to show how much we appreciate what they have done for us, so too we want to return to Jesus the love He shows us in answering our feeble human cries for help.

It is easy to love Jesus because He first loved me! (7)

NIV - Jn 10:30; Num 20:8-11; 1 Cor 10:4; Jn 20:29
KJV - 1 Cor 13:12; Ex 3:14; 1 Jn 4:19

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