

**Articles and Sermons :: Mercy triumphs over judgement**

**Mercy triumphs over judgement, on: 2009/6/28 11:13**

"I find it strange -- the ease with which some talk about those who are outside God's love, the doomed, the lost. I'm also puzzled by other Christians who believe they can settle the issue by simply saying: "We don't know, Judgement is God's business"

Calvin estimated about 10 per cent of humankind would be saved. Many orthodox Christians used to and still designate at least 95 per cent of the human race lost. I see no glory in this as part of God's master plan of creation and redemption

Judgment as good news? If there is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, how much sorrow there must also be in heaven, in God's heart, when so many of his children don't take the road back to him. Should not that same sorrow and pity be reflected in us?

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"I prayed for Justice

Then I thought of myself

And I prayed for mercy"

(Gabe Rienks)

**Re: Mercy triumphs over judgement, on: 2009/6/28 15:20**

Hi sister....the love of Calvary reflects this sorrow "For God so loved the world....." If we have that love in our hearts, if we have something of the heartbeat of God, we too will love the same world that God loved. The dying world, the world that dwells in darkness, the world that is captive to its sins. And the same answer God came up with will be the same answer that we come up with for the world. It is the greatest demonstration of Love that the world has ever or will ever know. Light conquered darkness and we are called to go down into the valley of darkness with the portion of light that we received at Calvary.....Frank

**Re: Calvary Love, on: 2009/6/29 5:33**

Brother Frank, thanks for your input here, you really have hit the nail on the head!

"the love of Calvary reflects this sorrow "For God so loved the world....." If we have that love in our hearts, if we have something of the heartbeat of God, we too will love the same world that God loved."

... Jesus loved us in our sin... while we were sinners Christ died and amongst the mockery and the suffering of the cross, whilst taking on our sin as His own, He cried out, "Father! Forgive them...! His heart was for mercy, instead of judgement

I really feel that this is what true revival is all about, it isn't about judgement, although this will happen, but it is about, as you so eloquently put it, the heartbeat of God. It is not His will that any perish and Christ suffered and died because of this and we, as His followers, are called to be an extension of His this Calvary love, to lay down our lives:

Calvary Love

"If I belittle those whom I am called to serve, talk of their weak points in contrast perhaps with what I think of as my strong points; if I adopt a superior attitude, forgetting "Who made thee to differ? And what hast thou that thou hast not received?" then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I find myself taking lapses for granted, "Oh, that's what they always do," "Oh, of course she talks like that, he acts like that," then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I can enjoy a joke at the expense of another; if I can in any way slight another in conversation, or even in thought, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I can write an unkind letter, speak an unkind word, think an unkind thought without grief and shame, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I do not feel far more for the grieved Savior than for my worried self when troublesome things occur, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I can rebuke without a pang, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If my attitude be one of fear, not faith, about one who has disappointed me; if I say, "Just what I expected" if a fall occurs, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I am afraid to speak the truth, lest I lose affection, or lest the one concerned should say, "You do not understand," or because I fear to lose my reputation for kindness; if I put my own good name before the other's highest good, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I am content to heal a hurt slightly, saying "Peace, peace," where there is no peace; if I forget the poignant word "Let love be without dissimulation" and blunt the edge of truth, speaking not right things but smooth things, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I hold on to choices of any kind, just because they are my choice, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I am soft to myself and slide comfortably into self-pity and self-sympathy; if I do not by the grace of God practice fortitude, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I myself dominate myself, if my thoughts revolve round myself, if I am so occupied with myself I rarely have "a heart at leisure from itself," then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If, the moment I am conscious of the shadow of self crossing my threshold, I do not shut the door, and keep that door shut, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I cannot in honest happiness take the second place (or the twentieth); if I cannot take the first without making a fuss about my unworthiness, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I take offense easily, if I am content to continue in a cool unfriendliness, though friendship be possible, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I feel injured when another lays to my charge things that I know not, forgetting that my sinless Savior trod this path to the end, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I feel bitter toward those who condemn me, as it seems to me, unjustly, forgetting that if they knew me as I know myself, if they would condemn me much more, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If souls can suffer alongside, and I hardly know it, because the spirit of discernment is not in me, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If the praise of others elates me and their blame depresses me; if I cannot rest under misunderstanding without defending myself; if I love to be loved more than to love, to be served more than to serve, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I crave hungrily to be used to show the way of liberty to a soul in bondage, instead of caring only that it be delivered; if I nurse my disappointment when I fail, instead of asking that to another the word of release may be given, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I do not forget about such a trifle as personal success, so that it never crosses my mind, or if it does, is never given room there; if the cup of flattery tastes sweet to me, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If in the fellowship of service I seek to attach a friend to myself, so that others are caused to feel unwanted; if my friends hips do not draw others deeper in, but are ungenerous (to myself, for myself), then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I refuse to allow one who is dear to me to suffer for the sake of Christ, if I do not see such suffering as the greatest honor that can be offered to any follower of the Crucified, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I slip into the place that can be filled by Christ alone, making myself the first necessity to a soul instead of leading it to fasten upon Him, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If my interest in the work of others is cool; if I think in terms of my own special work; if the burdens of others are not my burdens too, and their joys mine, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I wonder why something trying is allowed, and press for prayer that it may be removed; if I cannot be trusted with any disappointment, and cannot go on in peace under any mystery, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If the ultimate, the hardest, cannot be asked of me; if my fellows hesitate to ask it and turn to someone else, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I covet any place on earth but the dust at the foot of the Cross, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

That which I know not, teach Thou me, O Lord, my God."

(Amy Carmichael)