

The Efficacy of God's Love in Saving His Elect

The love of God was the motivating reason for God sending His Son to Earth (John 3:16).

His purpose was to save the world, not condemn the world (John 3:17).

It is a fact, both scripturally and historically, that not all mankind are, have been, or will be, saved.

No one, other than Universalists, will disagree.

Thus, we must admit one of several possible conclusions:

1. Either God's love was insufficient to save all intended.
2. Either God's love was sufficient to save all intended, but Christ's sacrifice was insufficient to save all intended.
3. God's love was sufficient to save all intended, as was Christ's sacrifice sufficient to save all intended: Ergo, all were, are, and will be saved exactly as intended. Those not saved were never included among the number intended to be saved.

The writer believes position # 3 is the only valid scriptural position to take for several reasons.

- 1) Nowhere does Scripture declare God's eternal purposes can be defeated. It declares the opposite (Isaiah 46:10; Daniel 4:35; to name a few).
- 2) Some on this Forum believe 'love' is God's major attribute. If that is the case, is it not humiliating for God to be 'deficient' in that which is His major attribute?
- 3) God's love is infinite, as are all His divine attributes. It is not possible for that which is finite (man) to defeat that which is infinite (Isaiah 40:17).
- 4) The love which God loves His elect is the same love which God loves Jesus Christ :

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ *O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.*

And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them (John 17:24-26).

Consider what Jesus is praying.

He is praying that all those loved by Father be partakers of the same infinite divine love by which the Father loves Him.

And that love is eternal – having no beginning and no end.

Moreover, Christ differentiates those loved by the Father from the rest of the world who do not know God.

Conclusion: The love which God loves His elect is irresistible and all-powerful in re-creating creatures who now know Him, love Him and serve Him.