

神的爱—救恩的根源（壹）

The Love of God — the Source of Salvation (I)

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I. The love of God is the source of salvation.

（一）“神爱…” 约三 16。

1. “God so loved” (John 3:16).

人的光景说出救恩的需要，神的爱说出救恩的根源。神的爱就是神救恩的根源。神若没有爱，人就没有救恩。

Man's condition speaks of his need for salvation. The source of salvation is the love of God. [God's love is the source of His salvation](#). If God had no love, man would have no salvation.

神的爱是什么呢？神的爱就是神的心。虽然神的手续是公义，虽然神的性情是圣洁，但神的心却是爱。神作事总要按着祂公义的手续，合乎祂圣洁的性情。按着祂的公义说，我们这有罪的人只该受审判。按着祂的圣洁说，我们这污秽的人只该倒毙在祂面前。但是祂的公义虽然定罪我们，祂的圣洁虽然也拒绝我们，祂的心却爱我们。祂的心爱我们，爱到“甚至”的地步。因为祂这样爱我们，所以祂就将祂的独生子赐给我们，来为我们预备救恩。

[What is God's love? God's love is His heart](#). Although God is righteous and holy in His nature, His heart is love. God must do things according to His righteous procedure and in agreement with His holy nature. According to God's righteousness, sinners deserve only to be judged. According to God's holiness, such filthy ones are fit only to fall dead before Him. Although His righteousness condemns us and His holiness rejects us, God's heart loves us. He not only loves us; He “so loved” us. [Because He loves us, He gave His only begotten Son to prepare salvation for us](#).

（二）“因祂爱我们的大爱。” 弗二 4~5。

2. “Because of His great love with which He loved us” (Eph. 2:4, see also v. 5).

约三 16 说，神爱我们的爱，是爱到“甚至”的地步，这里就说神爱我们的爱，是“大爱”。就是因着祂这个大爱，祂才来拯救我们。祂这个大爱叫祂不只爱罪人，并且叫祂爱死人，爱我们这些死在罪恶中的人，叫我们与基督一同活过来，一同升到天上。

While John 3:16 says that God so loved us, Ephesians 2:4 says that the love with which God loved us is a great love. Because of His great love, God came to save us. His great love caused Him to love not only sinners but also those who were dead in offenses and sin. [Because He loved us even when we were dead in offenses and sins, He made us alive together with Christ and raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies](#).

（三）“祂向人…的慈爱显明…便救了我们。” 多三 4~5。

3. “When...the love to man of our Savior God appeared...He saved us” (Titus 3:4-5).

神的爱原来在神的心里，等到显出来，就成了我们的救恩。祂的爱向我们一显明，便救了我们。神的救恩是出于神的爱。神救我们的手，是来自祂爱我们的心。神的手所以来救我们，是因为祂的心爱我们。祂这爱我们的心，借着祂大能的手显明出来，就成为我们的救恩。

[The love of God originated in God's heart, but when it appeared, it became our salvation](#). When God's love is manifested to us, it saves us. God's salvation comes out of God's love. God's saving hand issues out of His loving heart. God loves us in His heart; therefore, He also saves us with His hand. His loving heart appeared through His mighty hand to become our salvation.

贰 神的爱为我们成功救恩

II. The love of God accomplished salvation for us.

（一）“将祂的独生子赐给他们。” 约三 16

1. “He gave His only begotten Son” (John 3:16).

神将祂的独生子赐给我们，是为我们成功救恩。这是神的爱叫神作的。神不能光爱我们，而不为我们作事。神为我们所作最大的事，就是为我们成功救恩。神为着替我们成功救恩，就特为将祂的独生子赐给我们。这让我们知道，神对我们的爱有多高大。这也让我们知道，神为我们所成功的救恩有多宝贵。是神那高大的爱心，为我们成功了这宝贵的救恩。

God gave His only begotten Son to accomplish salvation for us. God's love caused Him to give us His Son. God did not love us without taking action on our behalf. **The greatest thing God has done for us is to accomplish salvation for us. To accomplish salvation for us, God specially gave us His only begotten Son.** This shows the greatness of God's love toward us as well as the preciousness of the salvation that God accomplished on our behalf. God's great love accomplished this precious salvation for us.

(二) “神差祂独生子到世间来，使我们借着祂得生，神爱我们的心，在此就显明了。” 约壹四 9。

2. “In this the love of God was manifested among us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might have life and live through Him” (1 John 4:9).

神差祂儿子来，叫我们得生命，也是神的爱叫神作的。神为我们所预备的救恩，不仅仅是要救我们，并且还要叫我们得着祂的生命。为着要叫我们得着祂的生命，祂竟肯一因为必须一差祂的独生子亲自到世间来，为我们成功这奇妙的救恩。祂所以肯这样作，不是因为别的，只是因为祂爱我们。因为爱我们，祂就舍得差祂的独生子来为我们成功救恩，叫我们得着祂的生命。

Because of His love for us, God sent His Son that we might have life. The salvation that God prepared for us is not only for us to be saved but also for us to have His life. In order that we may obtain His life, God was willing, because it was necessary, to send His only begotten Son into the world to accomplish a wonderful salvation for us. He was willing to do this for the simple reason that He loved us. Since God loved us, He was willing to suffer the sending of His only begotten Son for the accomplishment of our salvation so that we might have His life.

(三) “神爱我们，差祂的儿子为我们的罪作了挽回祭。” 约壹四 10。

3. “He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10).

我们是与神出了事的。神就差祂儿子来为我们的罪作了挽回祭，把我们挽回。这也是神的爱叫神作的。我们虽然因着犯罪，与神出了事，但我们从来没有想要解决我们的罪，而挽回我们与神的关系。就是我们想要这样作，我们也没有这个能力，也没有这个办法。但神的爱却叫神在我们没有想要的时候，差祂的儿子来为我们成功这件事。

We had a problem in our relationship with God. Therefore, **God sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins in order to restore our relationship with Him.** God did this because of His love. Although sin caused a problem in our relationship with God, we had no thought of dealing with our sin in order to restore our relationship with God. Even if we desired to restore this relationship, we would have had no ability or way. However, God's love caused Him to send His Son to accomplish this matter for us before we even had such a thought.

我们的罪使神的公义和圣洁。在我们这有罪的人身上有要求，使神不能悦纳我们这有罪的人，与我们相安无事。所以神的爱就叫神差祂儿子来为我们的罪作了挽回祭，使神能照着祂的公义和圣洁所要求的，悦纳我们，与我们相安无事。凡神的公义和圣洁在我们身上所要求的，神的爱都为我们答应了，都为我们成全了。

Since our sins brought us under the requirements of God's righteousness and holiness, God could not receive us or abide with us peaceably. Therefore, God's love caused Him to send His Son as a propitiation for our sins so that He could receive us and abide with us peaceably according to the requirements of His righteousness and holiness. **God's love fulfilled all the demands of God's righteousness and holiness.**

(四) “基督在我们还作罪人的时候为我们死，神的爱就在此向我们显明了。” 罗五 8。

4. “God commends His own love to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8).

主耶稣为我们死，替我们赎罪，也是神的爱叫祂作的。神爱我们，所以就叫主耶稣来为我们死，替我们赎罪。因为神虽然爱我们，却不能糊里糊涂赦免我们，拯救我们。祂不能背乎祂的公义，祂也不能违反祂的圣洁。祂要赦免我们，拯救我们，祂就必须差遣主耶稣来替我们死，满足祂公义和圣洁的要求。祂因着爱我们，就肯叫主耶稣来这样为我们死，替我们成功救恩。

The love of God also caused the Lord Jesus to die for us and to accomplish redemption for us. Since God loved us, He sent the Lord Jesus to die for us and to accomplish redemption for us. Despite His love for us, God could not forgive and save us carelessly, because He could not contradict His own righteousness and holiness. Before He could forgive or save us, God had to send the Lord Jesus to die for us in order to satisfy the demands of His righteousness and holiness. Because of His love toward us, God was willing to send the Lord Jesus to die for us and to accomplish our salvation.

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