神的爱一救恩的根源(叁)

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

肆神的爱使我们得作祂的儿女

IV. The love of God causes us to be His children.

- (一) "你看父赐给我们是何等的慈爱,使我们得称为神的儿女。"约壹三1。
- 1. "Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God" (1 John 3:1).

神的爱不只使我们得救,免去灭亡,并且更把祂的生命放在我们里面,使我们得作祂的儿女。祂使我们一个卑贱的人,得作祂这位荣耀的神的儿女,真是一个奇爱!难怪使徒约翰说,"你看父赐给我们是何等的慈爱!"

In addition to causing us to be saved and to escape destruction, God's love imparts the divine life into us so that we may be His children. What wondrous love that makes base sinners the children of the glorious God! No wonder the apostle John said, "Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us!"

伍 神的爱带领我们过生活

- V. The love of God leads us in our living.
- (一) "那爱我们…的父神,安慰你们…坚固你们。" 帖后二 16~17。
- 1. "Our Father, who has loved us...comfort your hearts and establish you" (2 Thes. 2:16-17).

神不只一次重生我们,并且还天天带领我们。我们难过,祂就安慰我们。我们软弱,祂就坚固我们。 从我们得救那天起,我们就在祂的手里。祂既是救了我们,祂就要带领我们。这是祂的爱!

God not only regenerates us but also leads us day by day. When we are sad, He comforts us. When we are weak, He establishes us. From the day we are saved, we are in His hands. Because He saves us, He also leads us. This is His love.

- (二)"主所爱的, 祂必管教, 又鞭打。"来十二6。
- 2. "Whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives" (Heb. 12:6).

神管教我们,鞭打我们,也是因为祂爱我们。许多时候,祂是用祂的鞭杖来教导我们,来带领我们, 使我们走在祂的正路中,使我们在祂的圣洁上有分。

God disciplines and scourges us because He loves us. He uses His rod to instruct us, to lead us to walk in His way, and to cause us to partake of His holiness.

神因为爱我们,就不任凭我们随便。当我们要任意而行,要走自己道路的时候,祂就来鞭打、管教、对付我们,使我们能顺服祂的带领,得到生命的益处。

Since God loves us, He will not allow us to be loose. When we try to walk in our own way according to our own will, He scourges, disciplines, and deals with us so that we will obey His leading and gain a profit in life.

陆神的爱为我们作到永远

- VI. The love of God works for us eternally.
- (一)"永远的爱。"耶三一3。
- 1. "An eternal love" (Jer. 31:3).

神的爱是永远的。祂是用祂永远的爱,爱了我们。所以祂必为我们作到永远,必负我们永远的责任。

God's love is eternal; He loves us with an eternal love. Therefore, God will work for us throughout eternity; He bears an eternal responsibility for us.

"永远"是超过时间的。神的爱是永远的,所以超过时间,不会随着时间而过去。时间虽然过去了, 神还是爱我们。因为神的爱是永远的。 Eternity surpasses time. Since God's love is eternal, it is outside of time and will not pass away when time passes away. Although time will end, God will still love us because His love is eternal.

- (二) "爱他们到底。"约十三1。
- 2. "He loved them to the uttermost" (John 13:1).

神既爱了我们,就不会中途改变,必爱我们到底。祂是没有改变的,所以祂爱我们的爱,也是不会改 变的。

God's love for us will not change; He loves us to the uttermost. There is no change in Him; therefore, the love with which He loves us will never change.

- (三)"都不能叫我们与神的爱隔绝。"罗八 35~39。
- 3. "Neither death nor life...will be able to separate us from the love of God" (Rom. 8:38-39, see also vv. 35-37).

无论什么,或是生,或是死,或是现在的事,或是将来的事,都不能叫我们与神的爱隔绝。连我们自己也不能叫我们与神的爱隔绝。我们能离弃神的爱,但神的爱不能离弃我们。我们可以不爱神,但神不能不爱我们。神是从永远爱了我们,还要爱我们到永远。

Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God—neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come. Even we cannot separate ourselves from God's love. We may forsake God's love, but God's love will never forsake us. We may cease to love God, but God will always love us. God has loved us from eternity past, and He will continue to love us into eternity future.

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