

Theology of Song: Love Shines

Amazing Love that sent His Son to suffer in my stead...

1Co 13:4-8 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, (5) does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, (6) does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; (7) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (8) Love never fails

The love that you feel for your kids as a parent, the love that you feel for your siblings or your best friend, the love that you feel for your husband or wife are all parables to the love that God has for us as His children. You get the sense that if you truly love someone, you would stop at nothing to be with them, to meet their need, to preserve their life...

Our God stopped at nothing. He did the unthinkable. Because of God's great love with which He loved us, He sent His only Son to suffer the wrath of God that we deserved and die the death that we merited.

The Savior wept my every tear, He groaned that I might sing...

Mat 27:45-46 Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour. (46) About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

On the cross, Jesus for the first time didn't call God His Father... He called Him God. The oneness of unity, peace, and bliss from eternity's past was for the first time broken between God the Father and God the Son. For the very first time, when Jesus looked upon God, He didn't see a loving Father who was well pleased with Him, but a wrathful God who was pouring out the entirety of His justice and condemnation that was previously directed at His people for our sins and indignation. As God poured out His wrath on Jesus, Jesus screamed the scream of the damned. Jesus cried, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" for us so that we would never have to cry those tears. He screamed the scream of the damned for us so that we might sing the song of the lamb.

Jesus, Glorious Risen One, No grave could keep Him stayed...

1Co 15:54-57 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. (55) "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" (56) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; (57) but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Death isn't merely the price that God demands because of Sin, Death is more than that. Death is the greatest power that Sin wields. In order for us to enjoy the Love of God forever, we needed our Savior Jesus to not only die the death for us, but to overcome the power of death. If Jesus died as our substitute and stayed dead it would mean that the power of Sin was not overcome and that the payment that God demands for Sin would still be being paid. The solution for the payment to be fully paid and the power of Sin to be fully conquered could only be met in the resurrection of Jesus. And because Christ has been raised, death is swallowed up in victory.

Your Love Shines at Calvary... and You reign Victoriously!

1Jn 4:8-9 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (9) By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

The love of God is the greatest love we will ever know because the Scriptures tell us that love isn't just something that our God feels or does, but love is something that God is. God is love. And because love is something God is and not just something that God does, His love for us will never change. Calvary is the definitive battle ground on which God declared over us that His Love will never fail. Calvary is the definitive battle ground on which the Son of the Living God declared His victory over Sin and Death.