

# God's Unspeakable Gift

(Rom 8:32)

## I. Problem #2- Is there any chance of God's love for us fading or passing away?

### A) Our entire case is dependent upon God's love for us

1. Paul proves this eternal love by arguing from the greater to the lesser
  - i. As he did in Rom 5:8-10
  - ii. God has already performed the greatest possible act of love
    - a) If He has performed the greater, can He fail at the lesser?
2. Paul bases his entire argument upon biblical doctrine and facts
  - i. He doesn't simply say "God loves you and I love you"
  - ii. He founds his logic upon absolute and concrete facts: God gave Christ!
    - a) This argument is centered on the doctrine of atonement
      - 1) It is what we believe concerning this doctrine that matters most
        - (a) Many professing Christians today say doctrine isn't important
          - (1) But it is only through the doctrines given us that we can know and come to understand not only the love of God, but the acts of God
        - (b) Many people wear crosses around their neck, but what do they believe about the biblical doctrine of atonement?
        - (c) Any person who bases their confidence in God or salvation upon experience and not doctrinal facts has no security whatsoever

## II. Rom 8:32

### A) Terms:

1. Ge- The first word is rarely translated, yet it is 1<sup>st</sup> in the Greek
  - i. It means "surely, indeed, most certainly"
  - ii. This word is in the Greek and chosen by Paul to intensify his argument
2. He- God did it and will do it
  - i. It wasn't men or the devil or anyone else that gave the Lord Jesus Christ to die at Calvary, it was the Father
    - a) This is very important today as many are teaching that the cross was the act of men and that the God of love will forgive even that sin
    - b) Isa 53
    - c) John 19:11- "Thou could have no power against Me....."
    - d) Acts 2:22- "The determinate counsel of God"
    - e) Acts 4:26-28- "Whatsoever Thy hand and counsel have determined..."
    - f) 2 Cor 5:21- "For God gave Christ....."

- ii. People deny this fact because they deny the fact that God can have wrath
  - a) “God hates the sin, but loves the sinner”
    - 1) But it isn’t the sin He cast into the lake of fire, it is the sinner!
- 3. “His Own Son”- Why was it that died at Calvary?
  - i. The most beloved and precious to God, His eternal Son
    - a) He wasn’t simply a prophet or a fine moral man, or even a pacifist
    - b) He wasn’t an “adopted son” as believers are said to be (8:14-17)
  - ii. John 1:1- “The Word....”
  - iii. Heb 1:3- “The express image of God.....”
- 4. “Spared”- This is taken from Gen 22:16 LXX
  - i. As Abraham held nothing back, even his most beloved
  - ii. God not only did not spare Christ in offering, He spared Him nothing that was necessary for our atonement (pain, shame, humility, reproach, etc.)
- 5. “Delivered Him up”- To hand over into the power of another
  - i. This is the positive action of God as compared to the negative in “spared not”
  - ii. Rom 4:25- “Delivered for our offenses...”
    - a) Delivered up to who or what?
      - 1) Luke 22:53- “The power of darkness”
      - 2) John 14:30- “The prince of this world”
      - 3) 2 Cor 5:21- “Sin”
      - 4) Gal 3:13- “The curse”
      - 5) Matt 27:46- “Forsaken”
      - 6) Phil 2:8- “Humbling death of the cross”
      - 7) Heb 12:2- “Shame”
    - b) Isa 53- Look at the words of this prophetic foresight of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ:
      - 1) Despised and rejected
      - 2) Sorrow and grief
      - 3) Stricken, smitten and afflicted
      - 4) Wounded and bruised, striped
      - 5) Oppressed and slaughtered
      - 6) Offering for sin
      - 7) Travail
        - (a) All of this is to say “God’s wrath and displeasure”
        - (b) This is what the agony of the garden of Gethsemane was all about
- 6. “For”- In place of, in the stead of (instead of you and me)

7. "Us all"- The saints, the church, the elect of v.28-30
    - i. Rom 5:6-11- The undeserving and vile us of this passage
  8. "Freely"- All is of God's grace and no merit can be found in the recipients
    - i. Freely He gave the greatest and therefore will freely give the lesser
  9. "All things"- Same "all things" as in v.28
- B) It is only by understanding what the Father did in Christ that we can ever begin to understand anything of the love of God
1. This was the only way He could forgive sin (Rom 3:26-27)
  2. If God shed forth this kind of love on us when enemies, will He now love less when we are His children?
    - i. Phil 1:6- "He which hath begun a good work will perform it..."
    - ii. Phil 4:19- "God shall supply all your need...."
    - iii. 2 Cor 9:8- "God is able to make all grace abound to us...."