

Eleutheros Newsletter

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News of Interest

In last month's newsletter we indicated that a Spanish translation of *The Ramifications of Our Salvation* and book cover were complete.

In order to have this book printed in Argentina, \$2,740 must be raised.

After seeking God's direction, and if He leads you to make a donation, you can do so at this site: <https://www.purecharity.com/eleutheros-books-global-fund>

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

The Love and Grace of Jesus

He that loveth Me shall be loved of My father, and I will love Him, and manifest Myself to him ([John 14:21](#)).

Properly understood, grace is *God's love extended to those who do not deserve it*; mercy is *God's love extended to those who desperately need it*; and the love of Jesus (*agape* love) is a very obvious theme in the New Testament.

A quick survey of the New Testament reveals the following:

Jesus had great love for people.

When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them... ([Matthew 9:36](#); see also [Matthew 14:14](#); [15:32](#)). He loves the masses.

And he stretched forth His hand toward the disciples, and said, Behold My mother and brethren ([Matthew 12:49](#); see also [Mark 3:31-35](#); [Luke 8:19-21](#))! He loves those who are obedient.

But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believes in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea ([Matthew 18:6](#); see also [Mark 9:36-37](#), [42](#)). He loves children.

Jesus loves those who are very wayward ([Matthew 18:12-13](#)).

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stoned them which were sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings... ([Matthew 23:27](#)). He loves the Jewish people.

When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not ([Luke 7:13](#)). He loved a widow whose son had died and raised him from the dead.

Jesus commanded that love be an important part of our faith.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another, and as I have loved you, that ye also love one another ([John 13:34](#)).

Jesus loves as much as His Father loves.

As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you; continue ye in My love. If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love... ([John 15:9](#)).

Jesus loves those who are sick and oppressed.

Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil ([Acts 10:38](#)). The Gospels are full of accounts that describe His ministry to those who were poor and sickly.

Nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord ([Romans 8:37-39](#)).

The love of Jesus greatly motivated the Apostle Paul.

For the love of Christ constraineth us ([II Corinthians 5:14](#)).

The love of Jesus caused Him to be lowly that we might be made rich.

Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich ([II Corinthians 8:9](#)).

The love of Jesus is beyond our ability to understand it.

That ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge ([Ephesians 3:17-19](#)).

Jesus is our sympathetic High Priest.

We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin ([Hebrews 4:15](#)).

The love of Jesus caused Him to shed blood for our sins.

Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood ([Revelation 1:5](#)).

When Jesus disciplines, He does it in love.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten ([Revelation 3:19](#)).

One of the most touching examples concerning the love of Jesus is found in John 4 where He meets a Samaritan woman at a well. Consider these factors:

Jesus, the Son of God, Who humbled Himself to come to this earth, was compelled to leave a ministry in Judea (southern Israel) to go into Samaria ([4:3](#)), but he indicated that *He must need go through Samaria ([4:4](#)).*

Since *the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans ([4:9](#))*, this was a very unusual occurrence. In fact, the common practice of Judeans and Galileans of that day was to cross the Jordan river, avoiding Samaria, to pass y on the east side, and then to cross over the Jordan river again once Samaria had been bypassed!

But Jesus knew that He would meet a lady there, and *He must needs go!*

He sent the disciples away to buy food in the town (Sychar) so He could talk privately with her ([John 4:8](#)).

It was unthinkable that a Jewish man would eve talk to a Samaritan woman in those days, but Jesus loved her! The woman marveled and said, *How is I that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria ([4:9](#))?*

Jesus explain the message of eternal life to her and declared Who He is: *If thou knewest the gift of God, and Who t is that saith to thee, Give Me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water ([4:10](#)).* Later, when she demonstrated an awareness that Messiah was to come, He simply and lovingly said, *I that speak unto thee am He ([4:25-26](#)).*

During the conversation the question of her marital status came up. She simply said, *I have no husband ([4:17](#)).* The truth was that she had been married five times previously and was presently unmarried but living with a sixth man.

Jesus said (with great love), *Thou hast well said, I have no husband ([4:17](#)),* and pointed out her current sin very simply. Being the holy Son of God, He could have rebuked her severely for her sin, but love is what she desperately needed! The woman was saved, no doubt, and went into the city, telling the men, *Come, see a man which telleth me all the things hat ever I did: is not this the Christ ([4:39](#))?*

The result was that *many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him for the saying of the woman* ([4:39](#)), and Jesus commended her efforts ([4:37](#)).

To think that He would travel under such circumstances just to meet one unknown woman! Further, that He would show such love in spite of her sin!

That is how much Jesus loved this woman, and that is how much He loves us even today!

Does Jesus Care?

Frank E. Graeff

*Does Jesus care when my heart is pained
Too deeply for mirth and song,
As the burdens press, and the cares distress,
And the way grows weary and long?*

*Does Jesus care when I've tried and failed
To resist some temptation strong;
When for my deep grief there is no relief,
Though my tears flow all the night long?*

*Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares!
His heart is touched with my grief!
When the days are weary, the long nights dreary,
I know my Savior cares!*