

Love ALWAYS Wins

If you have grown up in the church, still in the church, left the church or been put off by what you've heard from the church, then maybe this will help you believe in a loving God after all. To receive this information you need an open heart, because it may conflict with or be contrary to your world view or church view. You see, we are all spirit beings and we were in existence before we were born. Cool Eh!

God is love. God is the Trinity. The Trinity, being Father, Son and Spirit, constitute the Godhead. The Trinity is a mystery and cannot be totally understood but can be experienced. They are also called 'The Circle of the Dance'. God is the 'Dance' himself. The three are in a love relationship which only operates in total unison, even though they are individual personalities of the Godhead. They are also called 'The Circle of the Dance' and God is the 'Dance' himself. The three are in harmony and never act out of total unison, even though they are individual personalities of the Godhead. All this was known by the early church fathers but has been mostly minimised, misinterpreted or lost by the church today. Strangely, before time began, the Trinity decided that we ALL were to be included in them, 'The Dance of Life'. God made this possible through the incarnation, death, resurrection and ascension of his son Jesus. Amazing news, eh! So, have a think about that? You may have thought you were excluded, but you're not! That is the 'true' good news of the gospel of the Kingdom, most likely not what you have been told. All mankind has been spiritually reconnected to the Godhead by Jesus. This event may be bigger than Creation!

Before we get onto 'Love always Wins', it is necessary to demolish some lies we have been told because these lies create fear, distrust, bondage and thus alienate many from the love of their loving heavenly Father God. The Bible instructs us to 'renew our minds'. This means letting go of all indoctrination and beliefs we have held onto all our lives. Most likely difficult, but you will find it an exhilarating experience. Letting God personally allow his truth to be revealed to you. This does not mean you will lose the basics of your Christian faith, but it does mean you will be set free of many incorrect doctrines and dogma. Here are the main ones you need to confront.

1. **Hell does not exist!** Hell is an illusion (or delusion), a false idea or belief, a fictional place. It is a doctrine devised by the church to enslave, terrify, control and extract money from their congregations. It literally prevents you from being free from the bondage it creates. It is insidious and evil at the core of its message. While the word 'hell' is in the scriptures, it has no substantiation in Greek or Hebrew. Hades or Sheol, Gehenna or Tartarus, do not mean 'Hell'. Keep in mind this simple truth: God cannot be unconditional love if he also hates the people he created and is willing to assign them to a conscious torture chamber for all eternity. The two simply don't go together. You will be given as long as you need to agree with your worth from your loving Father...all eternity if you wish, but you will not be going to 'Hell'!

2. **PSA (Penal Substitutionary Atonement)** is a lie. This dogma states that Father loved humanity so much that he sent his Son (Jesus) to be our substitute, to receive the punishment of "an angry 'God'". Father allowed his son Jesus to be killed on the cross so we wouldn't have to be punished by him as we deserve. This is believed to demonstrate how much he really loves us. A loving God does this? PSA removes any notion that God's love is unconditional. PSA was most likely developed during the Reformation period.

The early church (300AD) had a different view. They believed in 'the atonement' but not 'penal substitution'. The basis of their belief was that Jesus being fully God and fully man was able to bring healing to mankind's spiritual state of disconnection to the Trinity. He provided the link, the conduit for all mankind to be reconnected. It has been done. It is completed. Mankind is now spiritually re-connected to God. You are connected...but need to agree.

3. **ECT (Eternal Conscious Torment)** is another lie. This dogma states that if you don't respond to the Christian Gospel of 'Salvation' while you're alive, then you'll burn forever in the fires of Hell. This will be your punishment for rejecting 'God's' offer to save you. A loving God does this? I hope I have given you enough basics for you to at least query these 3 insidious doctrines? The plumb line you should always use for interpreting everything is LOVE. Father said **"If it is not love, it is not me!"**

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Now we have eliminated and are hopefully free of those evil dogmas, we can at last focus on 'Love always Wins'. I hope you are now prepared to lay aside all of your previous held beliefs and honestly examine the truth and facts about the God of Love? His love is always compassionate and full of grace and mercy. There is no one in all creation who is outside of his love. When talking about 'God is love' be aware of the religious spirit who will always try to convince you...that you need to earn it!

As this subject could easily take volumes to even get a grasp upon, I asked Father "How can I describe your love for us in about one page?" He laughed (as usual), gave me a spiritual hug and said, "WE think it's best to tell it as a story. That's how my Son taught. Use the parable of the 'Prodigal Son', but tell it this way, because I want you to convey the three other stories that are in the story. So here goes..."

There was a man who owned a very large sheep station. It had about half a million sheep and some cattle. He had many workers. It was a family business that he ran with his wife and his two sons. The younger son had fallen into a bad living lifestyle and decided he wanted 'out'. He asked his dad for his share of the inheritance which his father gave him. This son went off to the big smoke to live it up. He squandered all his inheritance on debaucherous living and mixing with the hi-flyers. After a year he was broke and living on the street with no money, dirty and hungry. He decided to go home and ask his dad if he could just be one of his workers. His father was waiting for him and ran to greet him, embracing his dirty son. Before his son could verbalise his repentance and sorrow that he had caused his dad, his father called all the workers together and declared, "My son was lost but has come home. We are going to have a feast and celebrate tonight. Prepare a calf and some lambs and crack open the best vintage wine. Today is a holiday for everyone! When my son has showered, dress him in new clothes, boots and a new Akubra for we are all going to rejoice this day."

The older son was furious with his father's actions and told him so in no uncertain terms. "This son of yours has blown half the family fortune and you welcome him back as if nothing has happened, and besides, you never ever gave me even a goat to BBQ with my friends. I have slaved for you all my life without one single word of encouragement from you." His father responded, "Son, you are always with me and all that I have is yours. Come and join in the party." But the elder son refused.

Father reminded me "There are three stories going on here. The father's, the prodigal son's and the elder son's." So listen up.

In the younger brother's story, he's convinced he is no longer worthy to be called his father's son. That's the story he believes. His father though, not only welcomes him back but dresses him in the best clothes and throws a huge party. His father is telling a totally different story, one about return, reconciliation and redemption. The younger son has to decide whose version of the story he's going to trust: his or his father's.

The older brother has his version of the story, also. He's convinced that he has been the perfect son, the 'goody-goody', totally obedient and never done anything wrong. Notice, he cannot even say his brother's name. One senses he thinks his father is a slave driver. The venom he spews

out appears to have been stored up for years. He also thinks his father has double standards. He believes his father is unfair and he has been 'shafted'. He is furious.

The father tells a different story. The older son hasn't ever been a slave. He's had everything the whole time. There wasn't any need to work the way he did or obey orders. He could have had what he desired all the time. All he had to do was ask instead of thinking his father was stingy and not fair. His father never set out to be fair in the first place, grace and generosity aren't fair – it's their very essence. The father sees the younger brother's return as one more occasion to practise *unfairness*. The younger son does not deserve a party – that's the whole point of the party. That's how things work in Father's kingdom. Profound *unfairness*! The same question faces the older son. Whose version of the story is he going to trust, his or his father's?

But there's still more going on in the story. We think Heaven is 'up' there and 'Hell' is down there. Jesus gives us a totally different picture. He puts the older brother right there at the party, refusing to join in. For him Hell is being at the party. That's what makes it so hellish. You can be 'in hell' any time you want, and wherever you are.

We believe all sorts of things about ourselves: who we are, who we aren't, our worth, value, significance, etc. The truth always confronts us with our version of the story and God's version of our story. Truth is brutally honest, exuberantly liberating and it really is the 'good' news. For us, hell is our refusal to trust God's retelling of our story! The truth begins with the absolute certainty that we are loved! When Jesus said "It is finished", he meant it. We are invited to live a whole new life without guilt or shame or blame or anxiety, 'at the party' of life. How about that? Let me repeat: Hell is our refusing to trust our loving heavenly Father, and refusing to trust is often rooted in distorted religious views of God. Whose view are you going to believe? His or yours?

God is love and love is a relationship. This relationship with the Trinity is meant to be one of joyous participation in all aspects of our lives. So what we believe in our heart really matters. Sin is our refusal to live from our redeemed identity. Are you prepared to believe in your own goodness and trust God? If you can, then you can:

Learn to live loved,
so you can love living
and then live loving,
because love always wins.

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