

NO GREATER LOVE By Lucinda Davidoff February 14, 2021

Happy Valentine's day! Today is a day where LOVE is the focus. When we take the time to say I LOVE YOU...We take time to show our appreciation to our husbands or wives or whomever we love.

We take time to take no blessing for granted but to acknowledge our spouses for the tremendous gifts they are in our lives.

So today on Valentine's Day we have come to celebrate the greatest love of our life, His name is Jesus. We understand the tremendous blessing He is in our lives. In the world. That He came and transformed life as we all had known it.

He changed the political sphere by changing the one. And he showed us a better way. He taught about the kingdom of heaven and how to establish it on earth. He revolutionized the world and yet He touches our lives individually with His love, His grace and His power.

To know Him is to love Him.

Jesus left everything that was valuable as the God of this universe to show His love for me and you.

John 1:1-3,14 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth"

Jesus, who was God, gave up everything to come and rescue us and give us access to His divinity.

Philippians 2:5-8 "Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in

appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross”

The phrase “made Himself of no reputation” means that Christ “emptied” Himself from His place with God.

Lets see what he gave up:

He was God who became man in the flesh and **had endured the burdens of humanity.**

He was **tempted** as all men

Hebrews 2:14-18; Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

He **left all power, all knowledge** and all presence for a world where He had to learn to walk as a little child and learn to talk.

He “increased in wisdom” the Bible tells us in **Luke 2:52**, as other children, and yet He was far beyond all scholars in understanding.

Luke 2:46-49 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

“Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”.

He **hungered** where He had never hungered before. He tired and needed to sleep; yet as God, He did not weary or sleep

Isaiah 40:28 Do you not know?

Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

Jesus experienced **loss and sadness** when Lazarus died. He wept.

Jesus was **betrayed** by His very closest friends.

Partakers of the Divine Nature

Jesus exchanged all His greatness, His reputation, His power, His knowledge, His Holiness, to take on our weakness, our sin, our lack so we can have His greatness, His reputation, His power, His knowledge. Now that is a true love story.

All who are born again have been made partakers of Jesus:

II Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature.

Being partakers of His divine nature means that divine blood is within. You who are born again have had a blood transfusion; divine blood flows in your veins as well as human blood. It’s wonderful when you know that you are a partaker of the divine blood that flowed in Jesus, that His divine blood is now a part of you!

No Greater Love

John 15:13 Amplified Bible (AMP) No one has greater love [nor stronger commitment] than to lay down his own life for his friends.

“Of all the glorious things that the blood means, this is one of the most glorious: His blood is the sign, the measure, yes, the impartation of **His love.**” —Andrew Murray

In the BLOOD there is **atonement** from sin **Leviticus 17:11** For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul.

as saying this: ... **without the shedding of blood**, there can be no forgiveness of sins. ...

The **blood** of Jesus is important and necessary for the forgiveness of sins.

1 John 3:5 “But you know that Christ appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin” Atonement is the cleansing from sin

- Jesus wanted us to share in His divine nature.

In the BLOOD there is **sanctification**.

The distinction between these two things is clearly marked in Scripture.

Having first CLEANSED us, then He SANCTIFIES us.

2 Timothy 2:21 Timothy he says, "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use"

In the BLOOD lies my **healing** **Isaiah 53:5** **By his stripes we are healed**

The blood is all-powerful; it has all the power of God in it. The blood has the ability of the blood to heal you of any disease or affliction?

The same remarkable power of the blood that allows sinners to be cleansed of their sins—something medical science could never do.

Accept the delivering power in the blood.

Exodus 12:7,13 In the BLOOD lies my **protection** **And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt**

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The blood on the doorposts meant the Israelites were protected from the death angel. The blood-token saved the Israelites, a token of the blood of Jesus.

We however don't just have a token we now have the real thing! We have the divine nature of Jesus, His blood running through our spiritual and natural veins.

Blood of Jesus is **my advocate**: It speaks a better word on my behalf, it covers me and defends me

According to John, the blood of Jesus is our **advocate**.

I John 2:1-2 "...We have an Advocate with the father," he writes, "Jesus Christ the righteous, and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins..."

The word propitiation refers to the work of Christ's blood, which is to protect and help us avoid destruction.

In the blood lies my **provision**:

The blood of Jesus gives **me a sound mind**. The crown of thorns pierced His brow and blood flowed. We partake of the divine nature of Christ and we have the mind of Christ.

Application: How do I participate in this love story ever, I receive the Love of the Father for me, I receive Jesus forgiveness and I exchange my humanity for God's divinity- I become a partaker of His divine nature.