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Love Of Christ Kept Every Day
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Before I can tell you what God did for you, there's something you need to know. God loves you. He loves you so much that He did not spare any price to have you with Him for eternity. He has designed a perfect and unique plan that involves you, if you will follow him. But you also need to know that you are lost without God. Sorry, it's true... It's like this. I have never met you, but just like me, I know you have sinned against God. Some people have a real hard time accepting this about themselves, but that doesn't make it any less true. Some people even accept the fact that they're sinners, but don't understand what that means... Either way, the Bible teaches that every man and woman on the face of the Earth is a sinner; no exceptions. If you're still not convinced, then just answer this: Have you ever told a single lie? Did you know the bible says that all liars shall have their part in the lake of fire (Rev 21:8)? Have you ever stolen anything; even something small? Have you ever committed sexual immorality, gotten drunk, coveted other peoples things...? Did you know the bible also says that people that do those things will not go to heaven (1 Cor 6:9-10, Rev 21:8). The thing is, we have all committed sin; whether it is that kind of sin or some other sin... No one is without sin... —"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom 3:23).

Now here's the thing; we really need to understand that there is a very serious consequence for sin. We don't think about it that seriously, because frankly we live in a world full of sin, and if we are honest we have been living with our own sin for our entire lives and have gotten quite comfortable in it. We like to point at others, or justify our actions on the basis that my sins aren't as bad as theirs... or my good works outweigh the bad... But here's the thing..., it doesn't matter how many good deeds you have, or how many other sinners you can point at, we are all still sinners, and the Bible tells us that all sinners will be punished forever in hell... No one likes to be the bearer of bad news, but I would not love you if I didn't tell you the truth...

But I want you to understand something great that God did for you...! Do you remember that I told you God loves you, and that He wants you to be a part of His plan...? Here is the wonderful news of the Bible! God loved YOU so much that He sent His one and only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to be born as a man, in order that He could die and pay the penalty for man's sin so that you and I could be with God. That's right, when Jesus died on the cross He paid for every sin that you and I would ever commit IF we repent from our sin of rejecting God, and trust completely in what Jesus Christ did to save us.

If you understand that that your only hope is to call out to Jesus Christ, then please don't wait another minute. Pray the most simple and yet the most meaningful prayer right now from your heart. Acknowledge that you have sinned, and call out for Jesus Christ and ask Him to save you.

If you have any questions at all this message, or any other part of this web site, I would love to hear from you. Please call me or email at the address below.

God bless you in the name of Jesus Christ,
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GOD IS LOVE: 1John 4:7-8