

A Picture of Grace

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*Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place
by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way
which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,
and since we have a great priest over the house of God,
let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith,
having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
and our bodies washed with pure water.*

- Hebrews 10:19-22

II. A Picture of God

*For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
For it is written,*

*"I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE,
AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE."*

*Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe?
Where is the debater of this age?
Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?*

*For since in the wisdom of God
the world through its wisdom did not come to know God,*

*God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached
to save those who believe.*

*For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom;
but we preach Christ crucified,
to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness,
but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men,
and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us;
and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

- 1 John 3:16

*The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.
By this the love of God was manifested in us,
that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world
so that we might live through Him.*

*In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us
and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

- 1 John 4:8-11

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

- Ephesians 4:32-5:2

*Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit,
but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;*

*do not merely look out for your own personal interests,
but also for the interests of others.*

*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
who, although He existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant,
and being made in the likeness of men.*

*Being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.*

- Philippians 2:3-8