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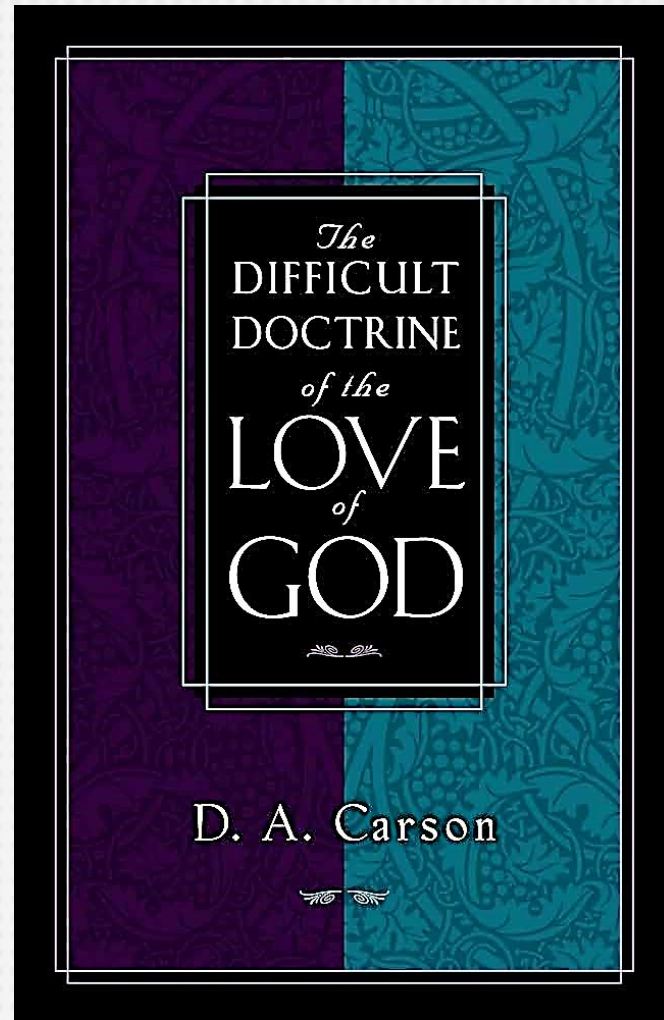


OF JESUS

THE WHY & HOW OF SHARING OUR FAITH

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1. The Love Between God the Father and God the Son

The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.

John 3:35

The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing...

John 5:20

...I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.

John 14:31

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2. God's Providential Love Over All That He Has Made

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

Genesis 1:31

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Matthew 6:26

...he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 5:45

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3. God's Salvific Stance Towards His Fallen World

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

What is meant by “the world” here?

“It’s the countless number of perishing people from whom the “whoever” come in the second part of the verse: “that *whoever* believes in him should not perish.” The world is the great ocean of perishing sinners from whom the *whoever* comes.” – John Piper

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4. God's Particular, Effective, Selecting Love Toward His Elect

In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will...

Ephesians 1:4b-5

You did not choose me but I chose you...

John 15:16

...and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

Acts 13:48b

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And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, *for I have many in this city who are my people.*" And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Acts 18:9-11

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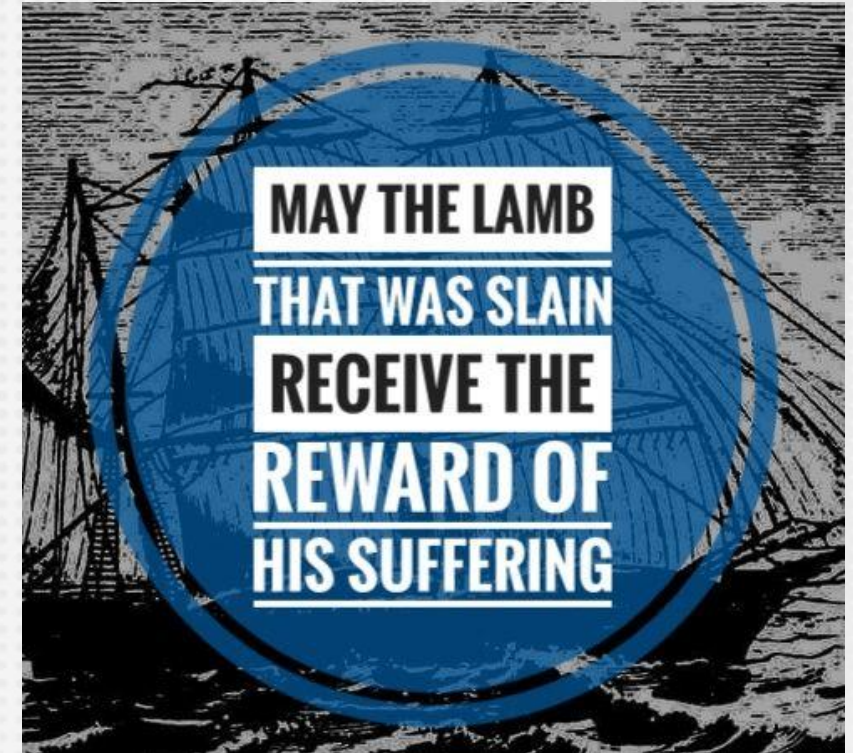
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And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:35-39

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Our Love For God – Ways to Cultivate It

1. Honestly evaluate your love for God with God (John 21)
2. Pray for God to grow your love for him (Ephesians 3:14-16)
3. Spend time with him - listening to what He has said in His Word and pouring out your heart to him in prayer

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But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 5:44-45

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We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

1 John 4:19-21

Is it unloving to be purposeful in our relationships and interactions?

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Our Love

Jesus: Simon, Son of John, do you love me?

Simon Peter: Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.

Jesus: Feed my sheep.

*Paraphrase of Jesus' Conversation
with Peter in John 21*