

**What Christmas
Cost God?**

Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?

Christ Jesus is the one who died—
more than that, who was raised—who
is at the right hand of God, who
indeed is interceding for us. Who shall
separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or
persecution, or famine, or nakedness,
or danger, or sword? As it is written,
“For your sake we are being killed all
the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is as if Paul is challenging us to place all the possible enemies we can think of on one-half of an old-fashioned balance scale, as if we were weighing peanuts.

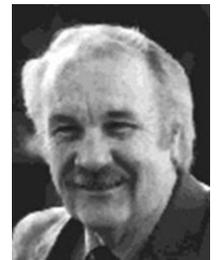
Then, when we have all the peanuts assembled on the scale, he throws an anvil onto the other side of the balance. That side comes crashing down, and the peanuts are scattered. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" The answer is nobody.

- James Montgomery Boice



If we barely manage to win our way to heaven by the skin of our teeth, we could be said to be a conqueror, but "MORE than conqueror?" This is one who, by the grace and the gift of God, and in the strength of God within him, actually takes the very things that are designed to destroy him, and they become stepping stones instead of stumbling blocks. That is being "more than conquerors."

– Ray Stedman



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Genesis 22:12

He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

Genesis 22:16

By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son

John 3:16

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 3:17

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Mark 12:6

He had still one other, a **beloved son**.

Finally he sent him to them, saying,
'They will respect my son.'

John 3:17

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

John 3:35

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

John 5:20

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

John 15:9

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

John 17:24

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Isaiah 42:1

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights

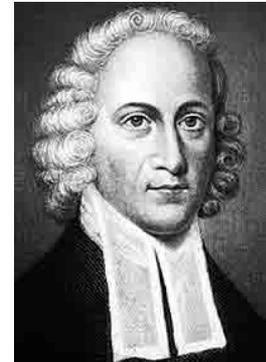
Matthew 3:17

and behold, a voice from heaven said,
"This is my beloved Son with whom I am
well pleased."

Matthew 17:5

He was still speaking when, behold, a
bright cloud overshadowed them, and a
voice from the cloud said, "This is my
beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him."

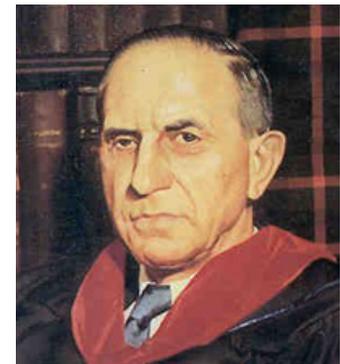
The infinite happiness of the Father
consists in the enjoyment of His Son.
– Jonathan Edwards



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So great is that gift, so marvelous
are its implications, so far reaching
its consequences that all graces of
lesser proportion are certain of free
bestowment.

– John Murray



How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.

John 10:17

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

Christ's greatest glory is that the Father loves Him. Sweet are the songs of the saved on earth and blessed are the anthems of the redeemed in Heaven. But to Jesus, the best reward which is possible lies in this word—"Therefore does My Father love Me." Before me, in this Divine love, I see a great deep, which I may not attempt to explore—I have but brushed the surface as with a swallow's wing.

– Charles Spurgeon

