GREAT LOVE IX

Love covereth all sins. Proverbs 10:12b

Four words found in Proverbs 10:12 comprise one of the greatest statements ever made, “Love covereth all sins.” As I write this devotion, my grandson is playing with marbles in the floor behind me. He is filling one of his trucks with marbles then dumping them out to fill it up again. It is hard for us to wrap our mind around the scope of our sin. If we could give a physical size to our sin it might help us appreciate the fact that love has covered our sins.

Let us for a moment say that each of our sins was the size of a marble. How large would your stack of sins be? Again, let us imagine that we averaged just one sin a day. For me, that would mean that to this day my sins would number twenty one thousand five hundred and seventy seven. You might argue that one sin per day would be quite low, especially if you consider when one might have had a habit of cursing and imagining nasty things. We might easily double or triple the amount or maybe much more. Nevertheless you can see that it might take a large covering to cover our sins.

Love covereth all our sins. The number of sins isn’t all that matters. To us it matters what those sins are. One might steal a piece of chewing gum and another might attempt murder. In our minds it seems much easier to cover the chewing gum theft than to forgive the attempted murder. We must realize the broad span of God’s love covers all our sins. Our problem lies in the fact that some of our sins we just count off. No one seen us commit the act; we did not get caught so that one doesn’t count. In reality, our Lord was watching all the time. He keeps a record. On the other hand there are other sins that it is just hard for us to believe that anyone would forgive, especially God Almighty who is perfect in every way. God has a tremendous love for sinners. If we have sinned in any way His love can cover all our sins.

Love covereth all sins. Maybe your marbles amount to the size of a medium size dog house. It is possible that some of us would need a large two story house to store our marbles. God’s love covers yours and mine and the sins of all who have ever or will ever come to Him with a broken spirit and a broken heart seeking His forgiveness. What great love he has for each of us and for all of us. Have a wonderful Easter.

Yours in Christ,

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