GREAT LOVE V

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (KJV)

 Have you ever been in debt so deep that it looked as if you could never be able to get it paid? Maybe you purchased a house and you looked at the total and said “there is no way I will ever do this.” Little by little you paid and month after month that total came down until, years later, the last payment was paid.

 If we were to see the total on our “sin debt” we might be astonished for the total on our part would require death. There is no way we could pay our debt of sin and live. Genesis 2:17 “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” There is no “living” way to acquire that sum. But God, the very one to whom we are indebted, loved us. And by the way he continues to love us. God so loved us that he gave his only begotten Son to die on the cross and His Death paid the debt of sin we owe. He paid the debt and we live. What great love we have received of God! “Jesus paid it all, all to him we owe. Sin had left a crimson stain. He washed it white as snow.”

 This precious gift is offered to every one of us, “Whosoever believeth in him.” There is a great benefit for receiving this gift. It is everlasting life. We do not just get another day but eternity! We are not talking about mere existence but abundant life! Jesus gives us life and liberty. Guilt free living is given us in this great love. When our sins are covered by the blood of Jesus we no longer have to live in the guilt of them.

 There is a flip side to this. If we do not accept this gift of God’s great love we perish. Remember God’s requirement for sin. God is just. Therefore payment must be made. It is either paid with our death that leads to eternal hell or it is paid with Jesus death that leads to eternal glory. I plead with you today that if you have not received this wonderful gift of God’s Son that gives you everlasting life, then do it today. Fall on your knees and ask that Jesus take your sins away and wash you with his blood that you might have everlasting life!

Yours in Christ,

Brother Randy Burtram