GREAT LOVE XXXVII

 The Swiss theologian Karl Barth had given an address to a group of college students, as he ended his address he sat down in utter exhaustion. The professor realizing the situation would not allow the question and answer session that was scheduled; instead he sought permission to ask one question in behalf of the whole class. His request was granted and he proceeded to ask of all the profound theological truths Barth had studied and taught which was the greatest. Karl Barth thought for a while and answered “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.” Karl Barth was thought by many to be the greatest theologian of the twentieth century. As he considered all the depths, heights, and widths of Biblical truths the love of Jesus rose higher, dug deeper, and reached wider than all other theological topics he had meditated on.

 Why Jesus would love a sinner like me I cannot fully understand. I accept this truth by faith. To dwell on this thought brings an awesome appreciation for God’s glorious grace. When we consider the phrase that Barth was so struck by “Jesus loves me, this I know” I am so glad that this is a truth that I KNOW! I never have to spend one minute contemplating whether Jesus loves me or not because I KNOW that he loves me!

 I have God’s Word that He loves me, “the Bible tells me so.” “Wonderful truths in the Bible I see, this is the greatest that Jesus loves me. I am so glad that Jesus loves me. Jesus loves me. Jesus loves me. I am so glad that Jesus loves me. Jesus loves even me.” His love for us is vast it is great. It exceeds the highest stars and reaches to the lowest hell. When all these earthly things are all passed away there will remain the love of God. His love will live longer than some spiritual things. Faith and hope will end at Heaven’s door but Jesus love will remain. How blessed we are to have Jesus love and know it!

Yours in Christ,

Brother Randy Burtram