

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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*There has never been a time when the Almighty
has not directed His love toward His elect children*

*“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent His Son to
be the propitiation for our sins” (I John 4:10),*

“We love HIM because He first loved us” (I John 4:19).

In a meeting this past Lord’s Day, a dear brother uttered in his attempts to pray, “Lord there has never been a time when thy love was not directed toward us” (or very similar wording).

Those words pierced my heart as an arrow sent from the Lord and caused me to meditate upon that comment. I was overwhelmed by the fact that as a believer in the salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ, that even before my mother had begotten this mortal frame, God had set his love upon me, and upon ALL those chosen in Christ throughout the ages of time.

I thought of the twenty-seven years of walking in this world dominated by sins degradation and curse, that even during those years, God had his love directed toward me and as my steps were directed. He protected me from mortal death that I would be brought to the knowledge and experience of Christ sovereign mercy and everlasting salvation according to HIS determined time.

Beloved of God, to think upon such divine love is not comprehensible by the natural mind. “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled we shall be saved through His life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom now we have received the atonement” (Romans 5: 8-11).

As our God has determined, all that have been chosen in Christ as adopted heirs of divine grace that shall be called to be witnesses of God's so great salvation in this time world are kept and guarded by sovereign love until the manifestation of our New Birth is brought to pass and we as the "redeemed of the Lord SAY SO," and confess that JESUS IS LORD.

Oh! For sovereign LOVE and everlasting MERCY that providentially keeps us until Christ LOVE and SALVATION is revealed to us. Yes, dear child of God, I am persuaded that the Almighty has given his Angels charge over ALL of His elect creatures, from every tongue, kindred and nation even in our walk as depraved sinners dominated by our wretched natures. Then on that designated day, the Almighty dispenses grace and sends His SPIRIT to rescue that erring SHEEP from their sin and woe. Then LOVE shall have its PERFECT work upon the heart, mind and soul of the heir of divine grace.

And nothing short of a NEW CREATURE shall be manifest as the result of so great love wherewith He has loved us. To God be the praise and the glory for so great salvation, so rich and free, to undeserving sinners, even one such as ME.

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