

John 3:16 and I Tim 2:4 And The Love Of God

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A Discussion Relating To The Love Of God

I have been in debate or religious discussion, via Facebook messenger, with my son Isaac, who is now in Lock down in Vietnam with his wife Jess, about my understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He is asking me certain questions as he disagrees with my understanding of the gospel. He thinks I am wrong.

I Believe

I have told him that I believe the God has an eternal purpose in the creation of the world and its government. That all of mankind originate for one couple Adam and Eve which opposes the modern theory of evolution. That due to the disobedient and actions of Adam and Eve (that is both them) we today suffer its effects. By we I mean the whole of their offspring, which means you and me and every one of Adams race. We suffer the consequence of their actions.

We Have All Sinned

I stated We all inherit a sinful nature from them that renders us liable to do wrong and to oppose God. That this makes us sinners. It doesn't mean we are as bad as we can be for some of us are fare worse the others in what we have done or capable of doing. But we have all sinned.

Its Not Nice

We are now and have been exposed to all kinds of evil, which we are not in control of. This is part of the death that God to Adam if he eat the forbidden fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This included corporal death, spiritual death in trespasses and sins, sickness, Coronavirus, plagues, famine accidents disasters tornadoes, what the insurance companies call acts of God , both mental and physical sicknesses , anger, hatred break up in human relationships all manor of deaths, death and Misery and the like- it is not nice and often we feel so alone isolated and not understood.

Isaac Stuck In Vietnam

I told Isaac, who is 40 years old, thinks he knows best, stuck in Vietnam, no money coming in, unable to work due to lock down, and like us all, dependent upon the grace, mercy and goodness of God to provide.

God Has An Eternal Purpose

I informed him that I believed the bible clearly states God has an eternal purpose, out of love, to save a vast number of Adam's fallen race from them selves, this includes death, misery and destruction and to give them everlasting life and that it begins in this life and goes on to eternity.

That this is eternal life and is a free gift motivated by the Love of God. And we do not have to earn it or work for it. It is freely given. (When I say we I am referring to men in general not each and every individual for God has chosen, before the world began, to save from this death a vast number of people called the bible elect. It is a gift to the elect or chosen people) It is a personal deliverance from themselves putting them on the right path to experience the blessings, benefits and goodness of God.

John 3:18 God So Loved The World (Not Everybody)

When I told him that in order for this to happen the Lord Jesus Christ had to die for the sins of men. That God the Father gave His Only Begotten Son to make an atonement for all the sins of the elect to deliver them from all the deaths that Adam plunged us into. That he did not die for each and every one of mankind. It was then he objected in the form of a protest quoting John 3.16 to me , which reads for, "God so lived the world He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believe on him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Spiritual Blessings In Christ

I stated that that is a common misunderstanding of the verse that is taken out of context for salvation, that's what I am talking about, is a righteous determination by God to save those who believe and they are the elect, those whom God had chosen in Christ, for that is what the Apostle Paul says to the Ephesians, blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ who blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ according as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world. All to the glory of God's free grace. This is the promised salvation that includes an individual glorified body, just like Jesus has now in heaven where he reigns and governs all things. **by the word of his power.**

1 Timothy 2:4 John Gill The Cause Of God And Truth

He then said what about the verse in scripture, 1 Timothy 2:4 which says Who will have all men to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth.

So in order to answer him I responded by sending him a quote from John Gills book," The Cause Of God and Truth" in which he states

I rather think that by all men are meant the Gentiles, who are sometimes called the world, the whole world, and every creature (Rom. 11:12, 15; 1 John 2:2; Mark 16:15); which is the sense, I apprehend, in which it is used in verse 1, where the apostle exhorts, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all in authority; which was contrary to a notion that obtained among the Jews, of whom there were many in the primitive churches, that they should not pray for heathens and heathen magistrates. The apostle enforces this exhortation from the advantage which would accrue to themselves; that we may lead a peaceable and quiet life, in all godliness and honesty; besides, says he, This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who will have all men, Gentiles, as well as Jews, to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth, and therefore has sent his ministers to preach the gospel among them; and the doctrine of the grace of God has appeared to these, all men, in order to bring them to it; for there is one God of Jews and Gentiles, who, by his gospel, has taken out of the latter a people for his name and glory; and there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who, not like Moses, who was the Mediator for the Jews only, but is for the Gentiles also; and is become our peace, that hath made both one, reconciled both in one body on the cross; preached peace to them that were afar off, and to them that were nigh; through whom, as the mediator, both have an access by one Spirit to the Father; who also gave himself a ransom for all (Eph. 2:14-18), to redeem the Gentiles as well as Jews; which was to be testified in due time to them, as it was by the apostle, who adds, Whereunto I am ordained a preacher and an apostle (I speak the truth in Christ, I lie not,) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity; and then concludes, I will therefore that men pray everywhere, and not be confined to the temple for public prayer, another Jewish notion and practice, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting. Seeing then there are some Jewish notions pointed at in the context, and the whole is adapted to the state and case of the Gentiles, under the Gospel dispensation, there is a good deal of reason to conclude that they are designed here; whereby another principle of the Jews is confuted, which is, that the Gentiles should receive no benefit by the Messiah when he came; and is the true reason of most, if not of all, those universal expressions, relating to the death of Christ, we meet with in Scripture. From the whole, since these words cannot be understood of every individual man, they cannot be thought to militate against God's righteous decree of reprobation, nor to maintain and support universal redemption.

So now I am sharing this with all those who may be interested to spark on a discussion on this subject.
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