

## **Balance of God's Forgiveness and His Love – Gratitude**

Many feel that as God is so kind and loving He will naturally forgive us.

But the only way God can forgive sin and reinstate us in His favor is through the tragedy of the Cross of Christ – and no other way.

The great miracle of the grace of God is that he forgives sin – and it is the death of Christ Jesus alone that allows the Divine nature to forgive and still remain true to itself in so doing.

The love of God means Calvary – nothing less

The fatherhood of God is founded in the atonement – the atonement of Christ Jesus is the *only* means through which we can be brought back to God.

Any other view is not merely wrong – it is Blasphemy.

Any teaching of god's love that is at the expense of God's holiness and justice is untrue to the biblical revelation of god's nature and makes the cross unnecessary.

That God forever dealt with sin and legally freed himself to forgive is intended to awaken in us the deepest well of gratitude.

When we once grasp all that it cost – the total price – for God to forgive us, we will be constrained as if held in a vise by the revelation of that love.

Only by seeing this will we – can we – be truly willing to forgive others and thereby walk in His loving favor.

God hates the wrong, the rebellion, the pride of life, the sin in man, and the Blood of Christ shed on the Cross is the estimate of His hatred.

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