

Loved by God
The Song 6:3 “I *am* my beloved's, and my beloved is mine”

How are you? Remember. There is no greater strengthening than this truth.

When all the strain of life is crushing you, remember; always remember that you are God's beloved one. What weight can overcome this? What pain can scream louder than this? What confusion can confound and darken this statement of God? We are God's loved one. It is never stated that God loves the angels, creation, or life.

It is so easy to forget this as we do not enjoy such profound love on earth. The closest friend, the most loyal mate, the kindest earthly grace cannot teach us of this love. You are loved by God. Read that again. You are God's loved one. Put that next to that pain, pressure, and provocation.

It is one truth to know that God loves you. It is overwhelming, unending, gracious, proliferate, eternal, and consuming. What more can be said. All that God is, all that He wills, all that He will be is a wealth for His love. He chose us to love us. What can man do? Hurt the body? Destroy a reputation? Discard a life? What can man do when God love us? Foolish nothingness.

But beyond that He stands like a great offer of delight as “my beloved is mine”. To know love is grace. But to enjoy it is beyond that knowledge. It is the very sustenance of heaven. Yes God loves us and that would be more than eternal value but what is more, He offers us Himself. Oh what joy and delight. This, rightly pursued, destroys greed, envy, comparison, lust, and idol. That we should feast on eternal soul food is the liberation of evil debauchery. But that is secondary to the primary. We have God. Oh see that! We have God! This is eternal selfishness. God encourages present and eternal selfishness of Him. That does not offend when the craving is God.

How foolish we are to clutch empty chaff, limited joy, mud pies (CS Lewis) of this earth when even now we can have the “filled with all the fullness of God” feast. Let your heart surround this truth, you are His and He is yours. There is no powerful thought on earth for joy and encouragement. Grace is surely its mother but the child of love perpetuates it. What is grace without love? Un... I know the grace of God most infiltrating in the love and enjoyment of God. God made us to lust, crave, and consume.

Days can be long, pain can be crushing, confusion can be darkening but this reminder quickens the time, quiets the pain, and quaffs the dark confusion. It is but a thought away. God is yours.

That God would grant His love to us is wonderful but that He would give Himself to us is wonder itself.

*“Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart”...
His and Himself.*