

APRIL 13

“GOD’S LOVE IS NOT IN DEGREES.”

READ

Ephesians 2:4-9

Everything we have comes through grace and mercy. Yet there seems to be something so ingrained in people, it’s like they’re afraid to trust God. Unfortunately, that means they try to help God out. If they work hard enough, they feel saved. If they fall short in their own efforts, they wonder, “Where do I stand with God?” God does not love you more when you work harder for Him. He is rich in mercy. God’s love is not in degrees. God won’t love you less because you don’t do things for Him. He loved us while we were yet sinners and He died for us. We had nothing He desired. The cross demonstrates the sovereign love of God towards us who did not deserve it. Anything you glory in other than the cross of Jesus Christ or the forgiveness, mercy, and love of God, is to glory in something you have done. Any victory you have today, He gave to you. Any blessing you’ve got, He gave to you. You are here by the grace of God, and for no other reason — it is His gift.

PRAY

Help me to cease from striving and rest in Your gift. Remind me that Your love for me never changes. It is wide and long, high and deep.

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