



Dear Friends,

Last Saturday, I attended a wedding of a couple who live in the Retirement. Some of you may have seen a report of it on Saturday's 7 o'clock Channel 7 News. Both are in their 80s and had known one another through their church association for more than 60 years. One of their daughters was married to the other person's son. The bride's son officiated at the wedding and grandchildren took part. It was one of the most joyous occasions I'd attended in a long while. They both looked so very happy. Their love for each other was evident, but it came second to the love they both share for their Lord. It was a beautiful service with songs, hymn and readings all pointing to God's love.

I like this passage from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a,13 that is often used at weddings: "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." This passage speaks about love, it is how we are meant to be with our families, and our friends – patient, kind, not envious or boastful, not arrogant, or rude. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things. Love never ends. This is the love that God showers upon us – his love in never ending.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVpyYwtX_VY

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Lyrics by Stuart Townend

I pray you will always be aware of the deep love of the Father; how vast and immeasurable it is and it never ends.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen

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