

ANGÈLE CAPORASO
10552 SE 151ST STREET
SUMMERFIELD FL 34491-4620
PH. 352-288-5257
EMAIL jackiecaporaso@gmail.com

NOW ABIDES FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

NO.312

INTRODUCTION

After his powerful conversion, Paul's heart was totally consecrated to knowing the Lord Jesus Christ, and to stir up the spirit of revelation in the Gentiles to whom he was sent. In his long and touching prayer, he made known his desire for the church.

He wrote, *"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints..."* (Eph.1:17-18)

Paul's prayer is the longest sentence in the Bible. His heart desired so much that the saints would grow up to know the same Lord that had called him to this challenging ministry. His prayer was not that they might accumulate a lot of knowledge of the scriptures; he wanted them to know Jesus. He did not seem to find a place to shut off the flow of words.

All the teachings that are contained in his epistles were words chosen carefully, finding ways to unveil the glory that the spirit of wisdom and revelation had poured into him. And he just wanted to stir up the same spirit within the saints, so that they could see the glory that he had seen in Christ.

He once told the church that he was in travail for them. *"My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you."* (Gal.4:19) Travail denotes the painful labor of a woman who gives birth. Paul was pressing with them, so that they might be able to produce the fruit of the Christ within them. He wanted them to see the glory that the Lord had prepared for them.

And so it is for us today. The Spirit within is groaning and travailing for that last push to see the new Christ creature, the Manchild, who is being birthed by the true Church prepared by Jesus Himself.

And so my earnest prayer today, is that these earnest writings will also stir up the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of the Christ who is being formed and ready to be revealed in us. These writings are not meant to teach new things, but to stir that which the Spirit within has been trying to show us. The Word of God is only the "living Word" that gives life when it issues from the Spirit within each one.

AND NOW ABIDES!

The thirteenth chapter of Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth, may well be the most powerful of all the epistles. It lays out the power of "love" in a way that cannot be ignored. But there is also a hidden truth in that chapter and perhaps the Spirit will open it for us at this time.

The apostle speaks of seeing something with the eyes of maturity. *"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things."* (I Cor.13:11)

The Lord has moved us on from faith to faith and glory to glory. *"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."* (II Cor.3:18) All these years of walking in step with the Holy Spirit, we have grown in the knowledge of Him (knowing Him) and now we are coming to the place of maturity.

In a recent dream that I shared in my No.311 study, I was walking all the way home carrying a big old suitcase and purse containing all my possessions. I was carrying the suitcase close to my heart like one carries a baby. I was now on the last lap of my journey when suddenly I realize that both the suitcase and the purse had disappeared. I walked back to see if I could find it, but instead I was handed a \$10 bill which became my only possession. I explained that the #10 speaks of “testing.”

Indeed, we have been on this long walk to the Father’s house. The Spirit has led us and disciplined us, to bring us to maturity in Christ. And now, we are being tested as mature sons. In the process, all that has been used to get us to this place must be put away. It is disappearing. All the glorious meetings, all the beautiful praises in unison, all the sermons and prophecies, all disappear as He appears. This was confirmed to me through a dream that I shared in No.311.

“We know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away.”(I Cor.13:9-10) This is what we often cannot understand. All that has been used to bring us to maturity, must disappear and it will. It is made to disappear, just as everything that is still a mixture has to disappear. We try so hard to keep it alive.

“Therefore LEAVING BEHIND the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us GO ON unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God...And this we will do if God permits.” (Heb.6:1,3) We so love to hang on to the ways that have brought you up, but we must leave mother’s house and move on to follow Father.

If we look for “revival” we find that there is no place and no one that can spark that former fire in us. We look for some “spiritual transfusion”, but there is nowhere to find new life, new blood. Now it’s only Him as He speaks to us from within. No big fanfare, no loud music to stimulate the soul and make our emotions soar. There is nothing but Him leading us and testing us as we walk on to Father’s house. As we walk, we find that there are new things we had

never really known as we should. Faith, Hope and Charity. These three abide. And when these three abide, there is perfect peace. As the old hymn of the church proclaims, even *“When sorrows like sea billows roll, it is well, it is well with my soul.”*

EVIDENCE

When something “abides”, it is stable; it does not move in and out, up and down, and it does not come and go. Our mature life as sons is made up of many elements, but the three foundations that never change or move within us, are “Faith, Hope and Charity.”

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, THE EVIDENCE of things not seen.”(Heb.11:1) I have heard some say, “I cannot believe this. I have to have proof or evidence of it. Show it to me in the Bible or some other sure way.” Such persons may be sincerely thinking that they are protecting themselves from error, and indeed they will not swallow an error, but neither will they move into truth. They will remain stagnant.

The eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews is exciting and stirs up our faith. All the saints listed there walked by faith and received the promises later. The only evidence that is available to us, is our FAITH. Indeed, faith is the EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT NOT SEEN. It is after we believe that the Lord confirms a truth and makes it all real to us. But first we must walk by faith. Faith is the righteousness of Abraham, and in Christ, we are his seed. This means that we are heirs of his faith.

And it was not only Abraham who walked by faith. We read in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, about the many more who followed God by faith and suffered for the faith. Noah, Moses, Rahab, Joseph and many more, whose exciting stories are contained in the Old Testament scriptures. It is by the faith of those who have gone before us, that the truths we walk in today have been preserved throughout the millenniums. People of faith are the guardians of the truth in this world of darkness and lies.

“Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.”

But we are not of those who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of our soul.” (Heb.10:38-39) This is how important faith really is. The dictionary defines “perdition” as the state of final spiritual ruin. It speaks of death. The soul who does not believe remains in a state of death.

Evidence is “proof or ground for belief.” It is data presented to a court or jury in proof of the facts. It is something that makes plain or clear. The reason many do not really believe in God, is because they are so attached to earthly, materialistic, tangible things that they find no evidence of His invisible presence. They might stand in awe of the beauty of this amazing creation, but they still cannot believe that it was God who master-minded and created it all.

Many Christians cannot believe that God speaks by means other than the Bible. The Bible indeed confirms the living word, but only when interpreted by the Spirit; for the letter kills. And the Bible is not our only evidence of the living word we hear; FAITH is the evidence that abides. Yet even though we know that the Holy Spirit speaks directly to us, and reveals the things of God, we somehow feel safer if we see it in the literal written Word.

Yet FAITH EVIDENCE is what moved Abraham and all those who followed God by faith, as he did. Until Moses and the Law, none had a written word to guide them; they all moved on what they believed. Later, they had the prophets, but the prophets were usually sent to the kings and leaders. Moses, Noah, Jacob, Isaac, Joseph, Gideon and many more, all moved by faith. And we who are of the seed of Abraham in Christ, are also called to move by faith. Faith is the righteousness of God for us. We are saved by faith, and not of the works of the Law.

It is impossible for men who demand literal “evidence,” to comprehend or believe that there really is an invisible world of Spirit... and that such a world actually exists within them, and all around them! Some give mental assent, but down deep inside, they really cannot believe something that they cannot actually see.

Nevertheless, faith is all we need for evidence that

God exists, and that His Holy Spirit speaks to us and leads us into ALL TRUTH. *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”* (Jn.16:13)

A wise person once said to me, “You have as much of Christ in you as you have faith to believe it.” That is hard to comprehend, but it is so true. The many dreams through which God teaches us and communicates with us, are not worth a hill of beans, if we do not truly believe that they are God’s Word. If we believe they came from what we ate the night before, they will be just that. But when we believe, we seek to understand their meaning and they become a source of teaching and of life within us. Faith is the substance of these dreams.

God is invisible and things in the kingdom of heaven (realm of spirit) are all invisible. We can only enter or see them, by faith. *“But without faith it is impossible to please him (God); for he that cometh to God must **believe** that he is, and that he is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”* (Heb.11:6)

It takes faith to believe in someone and something that we cannot see. But when we do, God rewards us mightily. He reveals Himself to us in such a way that it takes away any doubts.

And it takes faith to receive the new revelations concerning the plan of God for His creation. The apostle John wrote, *“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.”*(Jn.21:25)

And we can indeed testify that since Jesus sent His Holy Spirit to speak to us, there are many things that He has revealed which are also written in books. And we know that we, along with those who have gone before us, are the books upon which these things are written. We are His epistles.

“Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with

ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in the fleshly tables of the heart.” (II Cor.3:3)

HOPE ENTERS WITHIN THE VEIL

“But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the CONFIDENCE AND THE REJOICING OF THE HOPE firm to the end. Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith), Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness.” (Heb.3:6-8)

The writer is reminding us that we are not of the Moses company; we belong to Christ. We are His house, the people who dwell in Him and He in us, IF WE HOLD THE CONFIDENCE AND THE HOPE. This is what the Spirit was saying in the pages above. We have as much of Christ as we have faith to believe. If we don't believe that He speaks to us, we will not hear His voice. The word “confidence” means FULL TRUST. It is faith in action. It is faith in someone's word and power.

We are exhorted to hold the faith and the HOPE. Hope is when faith becomes a reality and now we know that it will truly come to pass. Hope is the feeling that faith gives us. We believe and so we feel good about it. We know that it will be so and we hold on to hope. Without hope, the world could not continue.

The serpent spirit is out to kill and destroy God's creation. He is extremely sly and uses hidden tactics to bring the human spirit down. One of his strongest weapons is to rob men of “hope.” A man who loses hope is already defeated. As long as there is hope, there is life. I know we usually say this the other way around, but the truth applies this way also.

Hope is indeed very powerful. It is by hope that we enter within the veil. We read that when God made promise to Abraham, He sealed that promise with an oath. *“Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise, the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath that by two immutable (unchangeable) things, in which it was impos-*

sible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the HOPE SET BEFORE US. Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which ENTERETH INTO THAT WITHIN THE VEIL.” (Heb.6:17-19) This is so powerful.

The veil that divided the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle of Moses was made of fine twined linen of blue, purple and scarlet with cunning work of cherubims. Later Solomon followed the same pattern to make the veil of the temple. It was when the Lord Jesus died on the cross that this veil was literally torn in two.

And now, *“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.”*(Heb.10:19-20)

While He was in the flesh, Jesus could not enter into the tabernacle not made with hands and the Holy of Holies. His flesh was as a thick veil that kept Him in the earthly realm so that He was only an external voice to those around Him. Spiritually speaking, that Holy of Holies was separated by the veil of His flesh.

When we see the tabernacle of Moses in types and shadows of the true tabernacle not made with hands, which tabernacle we are, we understand that Jesus could not enter the Holy Place or the Holy of Holies, that is to say the souls and spirits of man, while He was in the flesh.

It was by His death on the cross, that the veil of His flesh was rent, and that the invisible realm of spirit within man was opened to Him. He could then send His Holy Spirit within man and enter in to lead them unto their perfection in Christ.

When Jesus spoke to His disciples, they could not grasp the depth that He desired to show them. He could only reach them through natural parables to open their understanding. But they did not become “spiritual” until Jesus entered within them and quickened or made alive their spirits. The spirit of man is where Christ dwells. It had been void of His presence

until His Holy Spirit was poured out to the hundred and twenty in the upper room.

The innermost spirit of man which had been his connection with God while in the garden, had been plunged into gross darkness but now through the process of rebirth, it is given new light and new life. Jesus, by His Spirit, now rules and reigns to overcome all our enemies. The last enemy is the power of death over humanity.

Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, entered the Holy Place (soul) and the Holy of Holies of His temple (His sons). He has quickened or made alive our spirits, so that we can hear and understand His voice. He is wooing our souls that we might love Him as He loves us. And He is washing us in the pure water of His Word. He has been turning us away from our worldly desires and He is delivering us from darkness and death unto His glorious Light and Life, (full salvation). Thus, He is raising His image and likeness from within His bride, His church.

“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and HE IS THE SAVIOUR OF THE BODY,” (Eph.5:23) Jesus is the Savior of our spirit, soul and body. By leading us into all truths and teaching us God’s ways, He is writing His laws upon our minds and our hearts. In this way, He is swallowing the death of our vile bodies and raising up His glorious image in the earth. And now, even though we still bear the image of the earthy, BY HOPE, we can enter into this reality.

“But we are a colony (citizenship) of heaven on earth as we cling tightly to our life-giver, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our humble bodies (bodies of our humility) and transfigure us into the identical likeness of his glorified body. And using his matchless power, he continually subdues everything to himself.” (Phil.3:20- The Passion Translation)

HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS

For forty arduous years, Moses led Israel, on foot, through the scorching wilderness of Sinai. Were it not for God’s protection from the elements and the wild beasts of that unforgiving desert, they would

have perished long before they reached the borders of the land.

During their forty-year long journey, they learned many faith lessons. Their journey was planned so that when they reached the borders of the land, they would be ready to enter in and take possession of it.

God wanted Israel to know the purpose of that journey. He wanted them to know His ways, but they were only interested in what He could do for them. Does that sound familiar? This is what God desires of us too; He wants us to know Him. Jesus came to show us the Father.

“And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee. And suffered thee to hunger and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee to know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.”(Deu.8:2-3)

If we listen carefully, we hear the Holy Spirit speak into our spiritual ear, *“Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness; when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not know MY WAYS.”* (Heb.3:8-10)

Every single day, Israel saw the manna fall to the ground for them. It is not recorded that any of them were ever sick. After all that walking, their shoes never wore out. They followed the pillar of fire that gave them light and protection by night, and the pillar of cloud by day, to keep them from the burning heat of the sun.

They saw so many works of God that they should have never hesitated to trust Him. Yet there was a problem; they did not know Him. They did not know His ways. Granted, they did not have a book called

the Bible to read God's words, but from the way they departed Egypt, to the way He parted the Red Sea, turned the bitter waters of Marah sweet, and much more, they witnessed God's power in action.

Yet, we read that they had "*an evil heart of unbelief.*" They had hardened their hearts so that they would not believe their God. And now we are exhorted to not harden our hearts as they did. When they first left, they were "gung ho," filled with zeal and enthusiasm.

They most likely left Egypt with shouts of victory over Pharaoh. They were free from so many years of the cruel bondage of slavery and grueling hard labor. Nevertheless, when the days, months and years rolled by, and they were still trudging in the desert sand, they began to despair and murmur against Moses and against God. Do we not see ourselves in this picture?

Instead of seeing God's mighty Hand upon them, they were discouraged and complained of how long it was taking for them to get there. Their faith should have been built along the way, but it dwindled down to nothing. They murmured and God was grieved with them. When they came to their destination, they had no joy, they complained again and when they saw the giants, they fainted.

IT WAS UNBELIEF! The Bible says that they could not enter in the land because of unbelief. They had not learned their lessons of faith and now they had no hope and none to help them. They were left to die in the wilderness. So sad! And it was all done for our example!! This is how important our journey in the wilderness of this world really is! It is designed to build the measure of faith that God has given to every man. "*For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*" (Rom.12:3)

If all we desire from the Son of God are His gifts to keep us well, wealthy and wise in this world, we will come short of possessing our land of promise (the image and likeness of Christ). Jesus came to reveal the Father, "*When you've seen me, you've seen the*

Father." Seeing the Father in Jesus builds our faith.

ENTERING GOD'S REST

We read God's final decree upon fearful Israel, "*So I swear in my wrath. They shall not enter into my rest.*" (Heb.3:11) When they saw the giants in the land, they stood fearful and unbelieving and could not enter into that which God had given them. After God proved His love and power to them for forty years, they still could not believe that He could lead them to conquer and totally defeat the giants. And so their carcasses fell in the wilderness. They died in the desert and were buried in the sand.

This episode is made to order for us. The land that God has promised us is greater than theirs ever was. We are promised a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwells righteousness. After naming all the evils that would increase in the last days, Peter declares, "*Nevertheless we, ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISE, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*" (II Pet.3:13)

This is our land of promise. The new heavens are first the spirits and souls of men and the new earth speaks of our new bodies. And I also believe that this new creation includes a new literal earth to possess and dwell in forever.

"For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." (Ps.37:10-11) The wicked has been revealed. He is the serpent that lied to the woman (soul nature), and is now being overcome by the Son in her (Christ). The wicked is the old Adam man who is the murderer and the thief. The righteous is the Christ creation who inherits not only the new spirit, soul and body (heaven and earth), but also the entire physical, literal creation of God.

This is our land of promise. The chief of all the giants in our land is UNBELIEF. It is the one who would keep us from entering into these mighty promises. The opposite of GOD'S REST IS UNBELIEF. They could not enter God's rest because of unbelief.

They believed God when they saw the mighty signs and wonders that He wrought through Moses. They believed when Moses lifted up his rod and parted the Red Sea, They believed when they saw the entire Egyptian army with their horses and chariots, drowning as the sea closed over them. They knew that they would find manna on the ground each day. They believed God when they followed the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. But when the time came to enter the land and they saw the seemingly invincible men towering over them, they suddenly lost their trust in God and saw themselves as grasshoppers in front of these giants. They could not hold their confidence unto the end.

We are entreated, *“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you AN EVIL HEART OF UNBELIEF, in departing from the living God...For we are made partakers of Christ, IF WE HOLD THE BEGINNING OF OUR CONFIDENCE STEDFAST UNTO THE END.”* (Heb.3:12,14) “Confidence” is trust, howbeit trust must not wobble and falter; it must remain steady and sure or it is not confidence.

Israel’s confidence was grounded in what Moses heard from God. They did not want to hear the voice of God directly because they were afraid. When God came down upon the mountain to speak to them, the sight was so awesome that they ran to Moses in fear. Today, we hear the voice of God through the Holy Spirit within. *“Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice,) harden not your heart...”* (Heb.3:7-8a) But many are afraid that they will be deceived and they prefer to hear through their minister or priest.

Today, the Holy Ghost speaks to us from within. The problem arises when we do not believe the voice of the Holy Spirit. Because of unbelief, or because we are afraid to believe something “outside the box,” we make our hearts hard so that we cannot hear Him at all. The more we deny Him by not believing we are hearing from Him, the more He will deny us.

Today, many wonder why they “never hear from God.” The answer may well be, “because they have refused to believe what they once heard from Him, simply because they feared it was not God. The

Bible lumps up the “fearful and unbelieving” in the same sentence with the abominable, murderers and more.

As children in the Lord, we were rightly taught to check with our elders or pastors for confirmation. Samuel grew up in the house of Eli the High Priest, but when he began to hear God’s voice for himself, even the High Priest had to tell him that it was God speaking to him directly.

If we believe that we are still children, then we need to hear through what we deem to be safer channels. But if we know that Christ has brought us to a level of maturity, we will find our confidence arising within, and we will surely know that what we hear is truly from the Holy Ghost.

Many, perhaps well-meaning pastors and teachers, are afraid to release the people to the Lord. They need to seek God and hear Him tell them when each sheep is ready to be released from under their influence. Most of the time, it is the sheep that hears the call of the Spirit and who follows the Word out of the fold. When we trust God and follow Him, we find that He is leading us into our land and we begin to enter His rest.

WHAT IS GOD’S REST?

When God finished the work of creation He rested. *“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day, God rested his work which he had made and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it, he had rested from all his work which God created and made.”* (Gen.1:31 and Gen.2:1,2,3)

This is very plain: God finished all His work on the sixth day, and found them to be all very good. And so God rested from all His work on the seventh day. It is good to be reminded that it is Elohim who designed and planned the entire creation and finished it in six days. However, that “finished creation,” was in Spirit. It was in “spiritual blueprint form.” It had yet

to be formed in the earth. For this the Father called on the Son. So we note that up to Gen.2:3, we read that God or Elohim did the works. But starting at Gen.2:4, we find God is now the "Lord God." This is God in the form of the Son. The Lord God is the Word. He is the One who executes the works of the Father's blueprints into the earthy, visible creation.

The Lord God is the One with whom we have to do. He is the One who came and died on the cross for us and was raised from the dead. He is the One who is the Author and the Finisher of our faith, and who will turn the finished work over to the Father. He is the Lord of the seventh Day. "*For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.*" (Matt.12:8) The sabbath day is the seventh day when God the Father rested and the Son finished the works in the earth.

May we be reminded that this is all done by faith. It was UNBELIEF that kept them out of their land, and it is UNBELIEF that can keep us out as well. This does not mean that we would lose our salvation, but it does mean that we would lose our place as "first-fruits" unto our God. Entering the finished works of God or the rest of God means that we have reached our perfection in Christ. This is the next great event in our lives and for the world.

CHARITY

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." And this is the hardest one to attain. Charity is God's agape love spread abroad. As the old poem declares, "Love is not love til you give it away." Charity speaks of God's love in action. We know that God is love. The Bible tells us so, but much more, God has shown us His love throughout this life journey. Just as faith and hope work IN US, so charity is also part of our new nature. Charity has more power than either faith or hope.

When we have entered God's finished works, we are able to see beyond the old wicked nature of the Adam man. Only in our new nature can we love ourselves and others as we should. We all have a problem with loving the unloveable. It is not in our old nature to look behind the veil of flesh and see as God

sees. But as we enter our land and defeat our giants, we find that the new nature rises up within and love is the power thereof. When we reach the place where we can extend God's love to all of God's creation, we will have come to the highest place we can be. When we see beyond the sin and behold the new creature who was purchased by the blood of the Lamb, we have charity. Truly it is the greatest of all.

God's love is not as man's love. John wrote, "*Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*" (I Jn.3:1)

WHAT MANNER OR WHAT KIND OF LOVE the Father has poured out upon us. It is not love that is recognized in the world. It is love that took us from the stench of sin and death and raised us up into sons of God. If the Father treated us with this kind of love, it is certain that He expects us to treat His creation the same way.

Paul explains, "*Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!...FOR OF HIM, AND THROUGH HIM, AND TO HIM, ARE ALL THINGS; TO WHOM BE THE GLORY FOR EVER. AMEN.*" (Rom.11:31-33 and 36)

Because of His love, *Jackie Caporaso*

Note: The Passion Translation of the New Testament that I quoted in this study, is new. It somewhat reminds me of the "Amplified Version" with added light and footnotes. The large print is the better version all around.