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Psalms 18:2 The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION IS A CHRIST CENTERED MINISTRY, DEDICATED TO ENRICHING YOUR MIND SPIRITUALLY THROUGH GOD'S INSPIRED WORDS, OF THE HOLY BIBLE.

GOD'S ETERNAL LOVE by Dennis A. Palma

Let me start by saying, that I hope that the Holiday Season was a very Happy and Blessed one for you and your family. Also that God's Eternal Love was present and evident for all to see, during this Blessed Season.

When I talk about God's Eternal Love, I am not talking about a love that has an ending, I am talking about one that the Lord has available for all of us to share without an ending.

This love that He has for all His children, is too complex for any mortal mind to comprehend. When you try and think about it is actually mind boggling.

Just think about it for a moment, as much as we sin and disregard God's commandments, He still patiently waits for us to surrender to His will. He also forgives us continually for all past and present sins that we have committed. He never rushes to condemn us for our sins, like we so easily do to others.

He is such a loving, kind, gentle, patient, understanding, and caring God, for reasons we are not able to understand.

When we look at our own nature, we are totally the opposite of the way the Lord is. When it comes to ourselves and the way we treat others, we are selfish, prideful, envious, jealous, deceitful, lustful, uncaring, self centered, thoughtless, vengeful, and hurtful.

At this time you are probably saying to yourself what is he talking about? What I am talking about is our flawed human nature that we inherited through our original parents, Adam and Eve.

This same uncontrollable nature, is rampant in our society today. We are surrounded daily with these constant inherited flaws.

We have no way to combat these inherited flaws, except through the word of God. There is nothing that man can create through his earthly wisdom, that can stop the deterioration of our world through our wickedness, and evil natures.

We can put a man on the moon, but we can't control our evil tendencies.

Our evil natures to sin can only be brought into control, through the word of God. There is no other natural supplement available on earth to remedy our evil ways, but the word of the Lord !

The great liar and deceiver Satan, will always try and make you believe that you can take control of your own life, to do whatever you want, and not be accountable for your sins. His lies look and sound great in the beginning, until hell's bottom drops out !

My biggest concern with the devil is, that after he leads you into his lies, where is he when we are at the bottom of the pit of hell. After the aftermath of destruction he is nowhere to be found, but Jesus is always there to repair the wounded and the broken hearted. The Bible says , 'Jesus is a friend that sticks, closer than a brother', 'hallelujah' praise the Lord, truer words were never spoken.

When I talk about God's Eternal Love let start in the Bible with John 3: 16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

In the book of Deuteronomy 7:9 the Lord says "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands."

In 1 Kings 8: 23 and said: "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below- you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way."

In Nehemiah 1: 5 Then I said: "O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love with those who love Him and obey His commands."

In 1 Corinthians 2: 9 The Lord says: However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him"

In the Bible God's love is mentioned 142 times, 67 times in the Old Testament and 71 times in the New Testament. The word love itself is written 718 times. On the other hand the opposite of love is hate , that is only mentioned 148 times total throughout the entire Bible.

If the Lord was a God of hatred instead of love, His main theme would have been hate instead of love. The numbers clearly state the Lord's main theme, and that is Love as far as I can see it.

Let us pray : Heavenly Father thank you always for your eternal gift of love that is never ending, for all your children.

Thank you for sending your only begotten Son Jesus to die for all our sins. Also Father thank you for your unending patience, kindness,

gentleness, caring , and sharing of your Eternal Love, to a fallen world in darkness. Father please continue to guide us with your Holy Spirit to overcome the darkness to light with your ETERNAL LOVE: Amen

JANUARYS EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

SERVING ETERNALLY

Hebrews 10:34 **You have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven**

Some people think Heaven will be dull and boring, but nothing could be further from the truth. The Father's house will be a happy home because there will be work to do there. John wrote in Revelation 22:3, " His servants shall serve Him." Each one will be given exactly the task that suits his powers, his tastes, and his abilities. And the Father's house will be a happy home because friends will be there. Have you ever been to a strange place and had the joy of seeing a familiar face? Not one of us who enters the Father's house will feel lonely or strange, for we who have put our trust in Christ are part of His family, sharing Heaven's joy forever with all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Alexander MacLaren described Heaven this way: " The joys of Heaven are not the joys of passive contemplation, of dreamy remembrance,... but they are described thus, " They rest not night or day," and His servants serve Him and see His face." In the midst of earth's turmoil, keep your eyes on heaven.....Billy Graham

SPIRITUAL CLICHÉ FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Proverbs 11: 24,25 **It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on to tightly and lose everything. Yes, the liberal man shall be rich! By watering others he waters himself.**

SIN OF THE MONTH REFLECTION

ABUSERS OF SELF: 1 Corinthians 6:9,10 Do you know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homo-sexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

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