

## The Ark Community

# 131: **Passion**

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It all began with an act of love.. Love is who our Father is. "God is Love" and it was love that motivated our salvation. It is true that according to God's own law, because of Christ He is legally 'obliged' to save us... because Jesus paid the price, God has no 'right' no refuse us salvation..! Although this is true, it is a little legalistic and 'clinical' to think of it in this way - if we look deeper, below the 'legalities', we'll see that "**God so LOVED the World that He sent His only Son to save us.**" And this Gospel was preached in the Garden at the Fall...! The Protovangelium: (Gen 3:15)

***"And I (God) will put enmity (Division) between you (Satan) and the woman (Eve),  
And between your seed and her Seed (Jesus);  
He (Jesus) shall bruise your head (Authority),  
And you shall bruise His heel (The Crucifixion)."***

Here we see that the Trinity were not caught by surprise by our Fall and without a plan to get us out of a sticky situation..! They had already agreed among themselves... "and the Lamb was crucified before the foundation of the World." (Rev 13:8)

Then we get expelled from the Garden: (Gen 3:22-24) Many... most ... think this was part of our PUNISHMENT for the Fall.. it wasn't, it was a BLESSING and God's Love in Action..

***"Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life."***

God saved us from an eternal life of 'fallenness'. Expelling us from the Garden was His mercy not His punishment. It was His love in action. We should be filled with passion - a godly passion, because we were saved from a hellish life before we even fell. Our Father foresaw (He didn't predestine i.e plan it), but in His omniscience, He foresaw it, and prepared a way of escape and salvation for us all... the Good, the Bad and the Ugly... so we're all included in this Cosmic Salvation Mission of Christ... All are called... but not all accept..! have you?

**Conversion is the font of all true Passion - Conversion by God's love is the spark that lights our Fire.**

All of us live with desires, dreams and hopes. These were planted in us at our creation, in the deepest parts of the earth...! ***Before our creation, were written in His book, all the days fashioned for us.*** (Psl 139:14-18). Dreams and Desires are a beautiful part of our humanity. And when we speak desire, we speak of those desires which are godly, we are not speaking of fallen and unrighteous desires of the fallen flesh. We are speaking of God's desires for us. (Psl 37:3-4)

***"Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.  
Delight yourself also in the LORD,  
And He shall give you the desires of your heart."***

Once God has conceived His desires in our Hearts, then we can trust those desires and follow them to where they lead us. Desire leads us to our destiny... Passions point to our Purpose...

What's yours?

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