

Forgetting What **My Life** Has Cost?

I. Motivation for serving God (**Love** vs. **Fear**)

A. 1 John 4

1. v.7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. v.8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
2. v.16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us, God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. v.17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. v.18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. v.19 We love him, because he first loved us.

B. Love **MUST** be our **PRIMARY** motivation for serving God!

II. Christ's Sacrificial Sufferings

A. Matthew 26:36-44

B. Luke 22:44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of **BLOOD FALLING DOWN** to the ground.

C. Matthew 27:27-54

III. My Sacrificial Sufferings

A. Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

B. 1 Peter 2:19-21

C. 1 Peter 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

IV. Conclusion

A. Philippians 3:10-14

I gave my life for thee, my precious blood I shed,
that thou might ransomed be, and quickened from the dead;
I gave my life for thee, **what hast thou given for me?**

My Father's house of light, my glory circled throne,
I left for earthly night, for wanderings sad and lone;
I left it all for thee, **hast thou left aught for me?**

I suffered much for thee, more that thy tongue can tell,
of bitter agony, to rescue thee from hell;
I've borne it all for thee, **what hast thou borne for me?**

And I have brought to thee, down from my home above,
salvation full and free, my pardon and my love;
I bring rich gifts to thee, **what hast thou brought for me?**