

The Passion of Christ

Acts 1:3 AMPC

[3] To them also He showed Himself alive after His passion (His suffering in the garden and on the cross) by a series of many convincing demonstrations unquestionable evidences and infallible proofs, appearing to them during forty days and talking to them about the things of the kingdom of God.

The passion of Jesus Christ was unlike any other passion on the face of the earth ever known to mankind:

- It was superior in intensity.
- This passion was superior in zeal and compassion towards a soul.

The passion of Christ had three distinct qualities that no man can match:

1. The passionate jealous love He has for us.

Deuteronomy 4:24 AMPC [24] For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Song of Songs 1:2-4 AMPC

[2] Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! she cries. Then, realizing that Solomon has arrived and has heard her speech, she turns to him and adds For your love is better than wine! [3] And she continues The odor of your ointments is fragrant; your name is like perfume poured out. Therefore do the maidens love you. [4] Draw me! We will run after you! The king brings me into his apartments! We will be glad and rejoice in you! We will recall when we were favored with your love, more fragrant than wine. The upright are not offended at your choice, but sincerely love you.

We should pursue this kind of passion in prayer with HIS intensity.

2. The passionate suffering he displayed at Calvary.

Luke 22:44 AMPC

[44] And being in an agony of mind, He prayed all the more earnestly and intently, and His sweat became like great clots of blood dropping down upon the ground. This means passionate love comes with passionate suffering.

3. This transferring of this passion from us to others by the Holy Ghost .

Acts 4:13 AMPC

[13] Now when they saw the boldness and unfettered eloquence of Peter and John and perceived that they were unlearned and untrained in the schools common men with no educational advantages, they marveled; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

These three qualities produces a fear of God's Superior Holy Love.

This holy love is guarded by the cherubs of God. This caused a distinction between all other loves. They kill people who are illegal intruders to the holy passionate presence of God.

- Cherubs keep unholy things out of this passionate presence.
- But when the blood of Jesus hits the mercy seat the cherubs over the ark of God cannot kill the recipient coming into this passionate presence. This blood is repentance, humility and the brokenness of worship approaching God in prayer.
- These cherubs also kept what as holy protected in the passion of God.
- In other words because of this majestic and all holy powerful love you and I are not supposed to be inside of this holy place called his intimate presence but he allows us by his mercies and his holy jealousy for us.
- His passionate love grants us access to pass by the cherubs who stand at attention to judge, protect and kill. They let us pass by because of the the lamb Jesus Christ.
- These three distinct qualities are his passion, his power and reproducing his glory in the earth through us.

How to pray:

1. Increase the fear of God amongst Your people, in our homes, and services to experience the superior passion of Your Holy Presence.
2. Increase the intensity of Your superior passionate presence to empower unity and reconciliation amongst Your leaders. That You may speak a fresh word to the people they serve.
3. And Your holy cherubs to separate distinction between the holy and the profane in the house of God and in our homes.

Will you let this passion overtake you today?

Deuteronomy 28:2 AMPC

[2] And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God.

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