

Daily Devotional, February 14, 2021

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The spiritual application of our text is concerned with Jesus Christ, the subject of all of Scripture. *“Rightly do they love you.”* We love Jesus because we desire and are pleased to be in right relationship with God. *“‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment”* (Matthew 22:37-38). We love Jesus because He has taken the initiative necessary to save our souls, thus ensuring that it is possible to be in and remain in right relationship with God. *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16). In short, *“We love Him because He first loved us”* (1 John 4:19). *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:8). We love Jesus because He is the greatest friend we could ever know, and perfectly faithful. Our earthly friends may let us down, *“But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother”* (Proverbs 18:24). Of Jesus it may well be said, *“A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity”* (Proverbs 17:17). Of the faithful Christian who responds in prayer, praise, and adoration, it is well said, *“Rightly do they love you.”* Let’s face it. There have been times when the world has let you down. There have been times in your life when you have been betrayed. There have been times in your life when you felt misunderstood and rejected by people that you thought truly cared. Don’t hold that to their account, knowing that you too have done the same. Jesus has taken all their faults, and yours and mine which are many more, upon Himself at the cross. By the simple act of trust, receive Christ’s love, repenting of your sins, and find the ever elusive lasting forgiveness.

Jesus, these things are finished, as far as you are concerned. We rejoice with the faithful believers today, and add our names to the number of those of whom it is well said, *“Rightly do they love you.”*