

BELOVED, BELOVED SON

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love; having predestined us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He has made us accepted in **the Beloved**, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace;" (Ephesians 1:3-7)

"... And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, "This is **My Beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased." (read Matthew 3:13-17)

"... Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." And while he yet spoke, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice out of the cloud, which said, "This is **My Beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased; hear you Him." (read Matthew 17:1-5)

Beloved: from the Greek word agapetos which means "loved, beloved, dearly loved"; with two special applications: 1. the Beloved, a title of the Messiah (the Christ) as beloved beyond all others by God who sent Him; 2. and of Christians, as beloved by God, and by Christ, and by one another."

Consider also these verses:

"... As the Father knows Me, even so know I the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; they also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore **My Father loves Me**, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again." (read John 10:12-17)

"... As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Continue you in My love. If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is My commandment: that you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (read John 15:7-13)

Jesus is **the Beloved of the Father** because Jesus laid down His life so that we might have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of His grace. God loved "us" so very much that He sent His dearly Beloved Son, whom He knew would freely lay down His life on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, so that whoever would believe in Jesus would not perish, but have everlasting life! This is why we should always continue on in the love of Jesus.

JESUS IS...

the Beloved

**God's Beloved Son, Our Beloved Savior,
who laid down His life for His friends,**

"US"

Thank you Father for sending Your Beloved Son! Thank you my Beloved Jesus!