

# Good Friday Talk (Revelation 1:5)

by Hans R. Waldvogel

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of knowing God's love personally and surrendering to Him in order to have a personal relationship with God.*

**Scripture:** John 3:16, Romans 12:1, 2 Corinthians 5:20, Ephesians 5:18, Revelation 1:5-6

**Topics:** "God's Love", "Surrender to Christ"

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## Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes the profound love of God demonstrated through Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross, urging believers to accept this love personally. He highlights the significance of the blood of Christ in the redemption of sins and the call for a wholehearted surrender to God. Waldvogel encourages the congregation to reflect on their relationship with God and to embrace the command to be filled with the Spirit, as sin should no longer have dominion over them. He reminds listeners that true satisfaction for Jesus comes from being a living sacrifice and fully committing their hearts to Him. Ultimately, the sermon calls for reconciliation with God and a life dedicated to His service.

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## Transcript

Selected Verses:

John 3:16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Revelation 1:5-6. And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Opening:

"God so loved the world..." Sometimes fathers put their little boy on the table and they say, "How much do you love your Papa?" and then they put up their paws. And my Lord Jesus Christ was nailed to the cross. And so, tonight, I thank God for the fact that God so loved me. But it doesn't mean much to me unless I accept that love. And tonight, we could search our own hearts and see how much of it we have received.

I have a text here, and I'm so thankful for the last book in the Bible. I'm so glad that throughout the Bible, there runs that red line: that testimony to the blood, that "without the shedding of blood, there is no

remission."

The British navy had a way to save all the ropes that they used in their ships. They spun a red thread through that rope, and wherever you found a piece of rope with a red thread through it, that wasn't on one of those ships, why it was stolen, and you were in danger of being put in the jug. That red line showed where it belonged. And, praise God! "When I see the blood," God says, "I will pass over you."

And here is the verse in the last book of the Bible. And I'm so glad that there they make more of the blood than anywhere else in the whole Bible. And they say, "Unto Him that loved us..."

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Selected Quotes:

You cannot possibly know God until you know His love for you, personally. That's the truth. And here He tells us that all the saints and all the saved in heaven, they have one song, and that song glorifies no man on earth, no prophet, no preacher, and no cardinal, and no evangelist, and no organization, but they praise and they glorify just One: "Unto the Lamb in the midst of the throne be glory and dominion and power and might forever and forever." And they say, "Unto Him that loved us and loosed us from our sins..."

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Young men and women, you go to a high school, you go to schools of learning. Don't let those sons of monkeys fool you. Let the Son of God breathe into you the breath of life. Let Him fill you with the Holy Ghost. Let God Almighty "who commanded the light to shine out of darkness shine into your hearts," and I tell you, you'll have a wisdom, and you'll know a science that the others don't know.

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Why does Jesus Christ complain about Ephesus that they've left their first love? What did they leave? They left Him.

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Oh, that love of God is absolute, but that love of God is absolute toward me personally. What am I doing with it? Have I come to drink that blood and to eat the flesh of the Son of man? Have I answered that great call from the cross of Christ: "Be ye reconciled to God"? Or as the German Bible says, "Lasset euch versöhnen mit Gott"--"Be made sons of God." That's the only thing that will satisfy the heart of my Jesus that bled itself to death. You cannot satisfy Him by singing about Calvary and talking about it, but you can satisfy Him by becoming "a living sacrifice," by saying "Jesus, had I a thousands hearts to give, Lord, they should all be Thine!" But if you give this one heart that you have to Him, He'll take it. That's salvation. That's what He wants. That's what He paid the great price for, and He'll never be satisfied with anything short of that.

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And when Jesus Christ brings the Gospel to you, and speaks to you of the home that He's gone to prepare, and the glory that shall be revealed in us, it's to ask you the question, "Will you come after Me?" "If any man will come after Me, let him forsake all that he hath--his own life also, in order to be My

disciple." Oh, this love of my God wants a wholehearted surrender.

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Did you know that you have not only the privilege, but it's God's command for you to "be filled with the Spirit"--that "sin shall not have dominion over you: you're not under the law; you're under grace"? You belong to Him. You have no right to sin any longer, because sin shall not have dominion over you.

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Jesus Christ wants my body, wants my soul, wants my spirit. He has purchased it. "Who gave You the authority to demand of me a wholehearted surrender to You?" Why, beloved, He paid the price. Here, He was hanging on the cross for that one purpose: that we might have Him, and that He might have us. And we make the choice. And tonight, He invites us to come to His table and to be reminded of the eternal covenant.

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Illustrations:

The legend of the mother who had compassion on the son who murdered her. "That's only an illustration of the great love of God." (from 17:36)

German at 11:38:

Two child's prayers:

Lieber Heiland mach mich fromm

daß ich in den Himmel komm.

Blessed saviour make me pure,

that I may get to Heaven.

Ich bin klein,

Mein Herz ist rein,

Soll niemand drin wohnen,

Als Jesus allein.

I am small,

My heart is pure;

No one shall live in it

But Jesus alone.

German at 19:52:

"...Lasset euch versöhnen mit Gott." -- II Corinthians 5:20. "...Be ye reconciled to God."

References:

Arise, My Soul, Arise, a hymn by Charles Wesley, 1742:

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;

They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:

"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,

"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,

"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned, a hymn by Samuel Stennett:

Since from His bounty I receive

Such proofs of love divine,

Had I a thousand hearts to give,

Lord, they should all be Thine.

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