

*Romans 5 - The Message Bible - "But more than just getting us out of trouble, He got us into life. .... But sin didn't and doesn't have a chance in competition with the aggressive forgiveness we call grace."*

*Ephesians 5 - The Message Bible – "Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with Him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of Himself to us. Love like that... Figure out what will please Christ, and then do it."*

As necessary as it is for each of us to recognize the times and seasons in which we live, and lay our lives down to become all that we can be in Jesus, most of us are missing the heart of God. In our zeal to become like Jesus, somehow, we have lost His love for souls, when that was the very purpose for which He came. It is impossible to separate that desire from who He is!

When was the last time you wept over those who are lost? Conversely, how often have you cheered deep down in your heart when someone "got what was coming to them," after committing a horrible crime. Which of those do you think Jesus would do. He even cried out for forgiveness from the cross for those who had pounded the rusty nails in His hands and feet.

All that our Father in heaven does, prepares us for two purposes. He prepares us as a waiting Bride ready for marriage at the coming of Jesus and as servants of His will while we wait. Most of the church is responding fully to neither. How that must hurt His heart.

Needing to submit to and act upon my Fathers desires – Jim Corbett