

My Thoughts For Sunday, February 9, 2014

There's Just No Rhyme Or Reason

"But God demonstrated His own love toward us, that while we were still sinners, Jesus died for us" [Romans 5:8](#)

This is one of those statements that just defy all understanding from a human standpoint. It reminds me of a phrase my mother used when she could find no other explanation for something that happened. She'd say, "There is just no rhyme or reason for this". I wondered about that statement in my later years, as I was growing up. How could something happen without a reason? In my mind, everything happened for a reason; because something else caused it or it was just a fact of life. Things don't just happen for no reason at all.

It makes me look more closely to the text from Romans and sets a large question in my mind. How could a righteous God love anyone so much, when they are sinners, to actually give His Son in death for these unworthy people? He had to have seen some fulfillment in His plan for these wretched people; something that I fail to comprehend. To me, there was just no *rhyme or reason* that would explain that magnitude of love.

We need to look to Jesus' explanation of this kind of love as he tells us in [1John 4:7-10](#); *"Everyone who loves has been born of God, because God is love...He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him."* This is certainly a new kind of love compared to the way all my worldly friends throw the word 'love' around. I am afraid they are not speaking the same language of love that our Heavenly Father is showing in and through His Son, who came as a human baby, was persecuted for our sins, died a most horrible death on a cross and was raised again in glory. This is the kind of love I still can't fully understand but definitely want a portion of.

So, after all these years I must disagree with my mother's phrase (no disrespect to my wonderful Christian mother), that there really is *rhyme and reason* in everything, if that everything is based on the love of God. It removes all deniability of the blessings showered on us through that most famous and widely repeated passage from [John 3:16-17](#); *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son"*. We must not forget the 17th verse, as is so often done,...*"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."* We certainly do not and cannot deserve this great love showered on us by our heavenly Father, but I, for one, will gladly accept it.

Make special note that there is *rhyme and reason* for all the great things our God has done for us even though we have never and can never deserve His loving kindness. Take the time to reflect on all He continues to do for us and delight in that knowledge.