

DECEMBER 30

## **“THE LOVE OF GOD SAVES US, AND THE HAND OF GOD KEEPS US.”**

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### **READ**

*1 John 4:17-19*

All Christians have one thing in common — we love the Lord. However, He loved us before we loved Him. We didn't fall in love with each other at the same time. God didn't come to love you after you discovered Him. God pursued you. He loved you first. If you get to a place where you are uncertain and you can't believe God could love somebody like you, that uncertainty will become torment. Until you begin to grasp the love of God, you may be afraid and question your own salvation. We are so obsessed with what we haven't done, what we haven't been, and what we have failed in, that we stop looking at what He has already done for and given to us. Jesus didn't die so you would walk wondering, always uncertain and insecure of your salvation. He died so you can know, with confidence, that you have a relationship with the Father. Your relationship with the Father is not because you are strong or determined, but because He reached down from heaven for you. You are not strong enough, you are not determined enough to get to heaven. It is God who will take you every step of the way by faith in Jesus Christ.

### **PRAY**

Jesus, reveal to me that there is nothing I can do to make You love me more. I thank You for the unspeakable gift of Your salvation and Your love. I praise You for saving and keeping me.

*From December 30, 2007*