

The Father Loves You as He Loves the Son

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"I in them
and You in Me—
so that they may be brought
to complete unity.
Then the world will know
that You sent Me
and have loved them
even as You have loved Me."
— John 17:23

Jesus prayed something staggering:
the Father loves you
with the same love
He has always had for His Son.

Not a lesser love.
Not a diluted version.
The same eternal love
the Father has for Jesus
now rests on you.

That means
you are not an outsider
hoping for scraps of affection.

The delight the Father
has always had in His Son
is the delight
He now has in you.

The embrace
that has never failed Jesus
is the embrace
that now holds you.

This is not sentiment—
it's reality.

The cross didn't just remove your guilt;
it placed you
inside the Father's love
for His Son.

You are welcomed
into the same relationship
Jesus has always known.

You may not know this about Jesus:
He didn't only come
to forgive you.

He came to bring you
into the love of the Father—
a love as eternal
and unfailing
as the love He has for Jesus.

Where do I still live
as if I'm outside the Father's love,
and how can I rest
in the truth
that His love for me
is the same love
He has for Jesus?

When I feel unworthy
or distant,
I'll remember:
the Father's love for Jesus
now rests on me.

That truth silences shame
and steadies my soul.

Father,
thank You for the staggering truth
that You love me
as You love Your Son.

Teach me to rest in that love,
to live from it,
and to let it shape

my thoughts,
choices,
and relationships.

Let my life reflect
the unity Jesus prayed for,
and let the world see
Your love through me.

I pray this
in Jesus' name.
Amen.