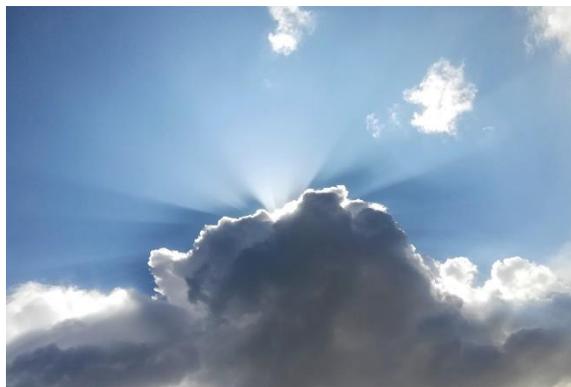


WHO ARE WE? – 4

WE ARE THE BELOVED

When Jesus went to the cross to win our salvation, He knew that He would get the likes of you and me. Church, this is a reality as sure as the sun is, even when hidden behind clouds.



Yes, He knew that He was winning for Himself the sometimes physically, emotionally, and spiritually messy us. The pleasant and generous, but potentially moody or selfish, you and me. He knew that and He still did it.

He knew that the Church would include you, today. Whoever you are, right there, right now. He knows you, and He loves and accepts you and wants to draw you close so He can impart Life to you.

He grieves over the Abundant Life that we miss because of our weaknesses and failures, but they don't cause Him to pull back from us. Instead, His persevering love compels Him to extend His hand toward us for as long as it takes for us to reach up and take it.

SEE - -

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! I John 3:1a*

Lamentations 3:22-26

Jeremiah 9:23-24

The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you but will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

BUT NOW - -

But now, this is what the LORD says-- he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. Jeremiah 31:3b

Who are we? We are the beloved! May the Presence of the Son warm your soul today!

*All verses are NIV

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