

(Sermon Clip) Keeping Yourselves in the Love of God

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Scripture: Romans 8:38, 1 John 4:16, Ephesians 2:4, Luke 15:20, Psalm 103:8

Topics: "God's Unconditional Love", "Reconciliation and Restoration"

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Transcript

Now, the third thing is keep yourselves in the love of God. Now, he didn't say do something to make God love you. You cannot do anything to keep God from loving you.

I don't care who you are, God loves you. God loves you. God loved Joe Stalin.

I hated him. If Joe Stalin on his deathbed had accepted Christ as his Savior, God would have saved him. I wouldn't.

God would. God would. And I want to tell you that the love of God, I hear it so much today, it's become almost a meaningless thing.

But it's a glorious, wonderful thing because you have to keep yourself in the love of God. A lot of Christians, they don't keep themselves. You can't keep the sun from shining out there, but you're not in the sun.

It's getting in my eyes here. And may I say to you, you can get out of the sun, but you can't keep it from shining. When it's raining, you can get out of the rain.

You can put up an umbrella, and you can get out of the rain. You can't keep God from loving you, but you can put up an umbrella. You can put up an umbrella of sin in your life, and you won't experience the love of God.

I guarantee you that. You'll have to come back to him. I had a young fellow that was the son of a preacher in Indiana.

He was a handsome boy. He came out thinking he'd make Hollywood. I saw him several times at the Hollywood Christian group, but he didn't make it.

And he came in and said to me, he said, Dr. McGee, do you think my dad would take me back? I said, and I knew his father well, I said, he'd be delighted to. He says, well, I think I'm going to go back. I said, let's call him.

I called him up, and I said, do you know who I've got here in my study? And he began to weep. He said, it's my son. I've been praying that he'd come back.

And I put the sun on and let both father and son cry while I went outside and cried. It was wonderful. He didn't experience the love of his father, walking the streets in Hollywood, living it up, and going to every bar.

But when he returned home, he found out what the love of the father really was. And there are a lot of Christians tonight that they've stepped out of the love of God. God loves them.

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