

# Gospel Reflections | May 2012

5-13-12

What tears have you cried, Christian? Do you know that God is on your side? Praise Him for what He has promised; remember what He has done. He has rescued us from death to walk in His presence, in the light of His life-giving Son. God knows the reason for and number of each of our tears—He collects all of them in His own bottle. He keeps count of all our sorrows. He sees us, He hears us, and He faithfully answers our cries. He alone satisfies the longing inside each of us to be wanted. Praise God for what he has promised.-Kristen Gilles

5-20-12

We must “love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins” ([1 Pet. 4:8](#)). Peter assumes, realistically, that various breaches will occur in the Christian assembly—just as they occur in a family. But in a mature family, the love of each family member for the others covers over the breaches. So also in the church. This does not mean that there are no sins to expose and discipline; the whole New Testament stands against such reductionism. On the other hand, we must face the fact that sins will be committed—and be prepared to cover them over with love. For there is no way back to the innocence of Eden—certainly not by probing each blemish and letting it all hang out, going over the same sins and failures again and again. There is no way back; there is only a way forward—through the cross, to forgiveness and forbearance.

Christians must love each other deeply, “because love covers over a multitude of sins.” Mature Christians know their own hearts well enough to realize that they need such love and need to display it. - D.A. Carson

5-27-12

If there is not radical growth in humble love toward everyone (even your enemies), you don't really know you are a SINNER saved by grace. If there is not radical, concrete growth in confidence and joy (even in

difficulties) you don't really know you are a sinner saved by GRACE. -  
Tim Keller