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## “Beloved” Demonstrated

*Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

■ *Romans 5:7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.* ■

*Romans 5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.*

## Who Do We Strive to Be?

■ *2 Corinthians 7:1 Since we have these promises, **beloved**, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.* ■

■ *Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, **as beloved children**.<sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.* ■

*Philippians 4:1 Therefore, my brethren, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, **my beloved**.*

■ *Col. 3:12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and **beloved**, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience,* ■

*Philemon 1:16 ... no longer as a slave but more than a slave, **as a beloved brother**, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.*

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Who is PCI?

- • Broken ■
- Beloved
- Belonging
- Building
- Bridging

■ "Of course God loves me." ■

■ *Luke 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, `God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.'* ■

■ <sup>13</sup> *But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, `God, be merciful to me a sinner!'* ■

<sup>14</sup> *I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

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*Titus 3:3 For we ourselves were once foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our lives in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another; <sup>4</sup> but when the kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.*

## The Prodigal Son

■ *Luke 15:17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'<sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father....*

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What would you expect from the father?

■ *Luke 15:20 ... "But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; "Compassion."*

■ *Luke 15:20... he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.*

■ *Luke 15:22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'*

■ *Luke 15:24 ... So they began to celebrate.*

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