

## **The Water Is Calm Beneath the Surface**

Beneath the surface of a raging sea lie the calm waters of the deep. Some, perhaps most, Christians cannot see beneath the surface of Biblical literalism, and they get caught up in endless debate. Beneath the surface of Christian dogma, and the dogma of most other world religions as well, lies the beautiful and transformative truth that God is love. There is a loving purpose behind everything that God does, and our purpose in life is to become like Him.

We can argue all day about the deity of Christ and the existence of a place called Hell. We can argue about the post, mid, or pre-tribulation rapture. We can argue 'til the cows come home about pre, post and amilennialim, faith vs. works, whether the Bible is literally true or not, and so on. But the most important truth is so simple. God is love, and we need to be about the business of expressing the love of God in everything we say and do. If God is love, then the rest of our theology is only window dressing. If we get it wrong, our loving God will most certainly straighten us out when the timing is right. Sooner or later, we will all achieve theological correctness. The Spirit of God will lead all of us into the important truths.

When you find yourself getting all hot and bothered over superficial doctrinal issues, take a very deep breath, and dive deeply into the calming depths of God's love and remain there as long as you can. Let God worry about the turbulence on the surface. That's His problem, not yours. If you look up and see a desperate individual or loved one helplessly floundering on the surface above you, reach up and pull him or her into the place where you are. Hold that person in your calm, reassuring and loving arms.

Let us busy ourselves mostly with the doing of God's business, which is to express love, and not so much with the talking and arguing about it.