

## **From The Hearts of Her Children**

**Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! Isaiah 49:15**

The love mothers have for their children is a wonderful thing. Truly God gave us mothers to show us the kind of love that God has for each one of us, a truly inseparable love. Though it is not common for a mother to lose the love for her child, God tells us through Isaiah that even in the unfortunate event of a mother's loss of memory or love for her children, we have the consolation that God will not forget His love for us, or His promises to us.

In addition God tells us that our names are written in the palms of His hands. Jesus also tells us that He went to prepare a place for us in heaven. Though it is sorrowful to lose mother, we have risen to call her blessed. She will be blessed to meet her Savior face to face. For all our frailties on this earth that is not our home, when we see Jesus, we shall be like Him. We will have a resurrected body and eternal life. That is a glorious blessing that we will be like Jesus.

What a blessed, wonderful hope that we have, that our trials and tears will be over. Before Jesus left for heaven He promised us that He was going to prepare a place for us. We have the wonderful promise that even though we may die, the one that believes in Jesus will live forever with Him. He has been praying that we will be with Him.

We have the memory that our mother always chose love. She loved her husband, her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family, and friends to the end. She was giving the "butterfly kisses" to the end. She went to their events and made them feel special, and they always felt the love that she poured out from her persona.

Jesus lived within her heart and the love of Jesus was demonstrated to all. As adult children our training continued as she directed each of us to the sound doctrines of the Scripture. Most important of all she directed us to love one another. Jesus said, "By this they will know that you are My disciples, that you love one another" – John 13:35

May we forget our forgiven past errors, faults, offenses, sins, and transgressions of the past years, and we will think of 2018 and our remaining years as opportunities to love and serve others. Jesus overcame the world with that radical thinking. If our mother Joyce could speak today, her words would be, "Choose Love!" Though her parting is sorrowful, we have the consolation that we will see her in heaven and our family will be reunited, we will remember Paul's words, "therefore comfort one another with these words" – 1st Thessalonians 4:18