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Covering Love

1 Pt. 4:8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. When I read through this verse earlier, I missed something that the Holy Spirit later showed me as I was meditating on this verse. When I had looked at it before, I considered that love allows us to overlook the sins of others against us; and it does. But the incredible thought occurred to me as I was reading it again. Love each other deeply! The word deeply is translated from the Greek word *ektene*. It means fervent or bringing something to a boil. Do we love each other like that? I mean sometimes, I think we love each other just enough to stay in the same room, but not to dwell together. But this love is God's kind of love that says, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

And then; the topper was that last phrase: love covers over a multitude of sins. Have you ever thought of how many sins that is? God's love, poured out through the blood of His sinless Son, covers over the multitude of all sins. 1 John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

So....I did a little research and found out this: since the beginning of the world, it is estimated that 108.2 billion people have been born. Now let's just say if you only sinned 3 times a day and you lived to be 75 years old, you would live 27,375 days times 3 sins a day = 903,375 sins! Okay, now times 108.2 billion people who have lived = Are you ready for this? It comes out to 9,741,651,750,000,000,000 - nine quintillion, seven hundred forty-one quadrillion, six hundred fifty-one trillion, seven hundred fifty billion! Now that's what I would call a multitude of sins and that is what God's love covers. And then He says through His word; Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Dear Father, I can't comprehend that great of a love and yet I know it is true because that's what you have done through Jesus. I want to love deeply like that. Help me in my weakness. Thank you for Your great, great love, In Jesus name, Amen