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How Does God Love You?

We have blasted heresies about  
God's love, but the Bible also  
exalts the glory and truth of it.

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If the Bible is read properly, it is a  
long love letter from God  
to believers.

And God's love is infinitely better

**Passionate**

**Possessive**

**Powerful**

**Precious**

**Protective**

**Personal**

**Pampering**

**Public**

**Perpetual**

**Perfect**

than any other love can be.

It is confounding and troubling to see Christians chase human love as if it will make them happy, though that love cannot even come close.

Our experience teaches us:

Love is a very powerful emotion.

Love is a very desired emotion.

Love is a comforting emotion.

## **What if God loved us?**

We would be set for time and eternity!  
Nothing would be able to trouble us!  
We would be soul-satisfied forever!  
Our joy would know no bounds!



How does God love a sinner?

He cannot and does not love sinners;

He is holy and righteous (Ps 5:5; 11:5);

He must hate all workers of iniquity.

The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Psalm 5:5

The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

Psalm 11:5

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 7:22-23

How does God love a sinner?

He first purposes to love him, then He chooses him in Christ by covenant, where He will always love him.

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Ephesians 1:4-6

How does God love a sinner?

God loves conditionally, which contradicts man's fantasy that anyone loves him regardless of his character or conduct.

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31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Romans 8:31-34



How does God love a sinner?

He loves us conditionally for eternal life  
by seeing us in and through His Son.

He loves us conditionally for fellowship  
by favoring those that love and obey.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him....

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

John 14:21-23

This study seeks to avoid eternal,  
legal, vital phases, though related.

This study is how God loves you  
practically by angles that He  
wants you to consider.

What is one of the strongest examples of love we know?

The background is a soft, artistic watercolor wash in shades of pink, rose, and light red. The colors are blended and layered, creating a textured, painterly effect. The overall mood is romantic and gentle.

I LOVE

*me*



Self Love



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God hates self-love and  
commands us to love others  
more than we love ourselves.

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- 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

II Timothy 3:1-2

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

Romans 12:10

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Philippians 2:3

What is one of the strongest examples of love we know?





Do you really think so?

With so many divorces, dysfunction,  
adultery, porn problems, and anger?



Do you really think so?

When there is no marriage in heaven,  
neither angel nor human romances?

What is one of the strongest examples of love we know?



Do you really think so?

She can do nothing for him.

He no longer needs her.

He wants a wife.

What is one of the strongest examples of love we know?









How sweet?

You are not fully thinking yet ... about  
the strongest example of human love.

It does not matter if the baby is  
ugly, crying, messing, or selfish.

Most mothers greatly love their babies and are totally committed to nurture and protect them fully.

Try hurting any such baby!

You will meet the most ferocious  
creature on earth!





Solomon, Hushai, and God taught  
a mother bear's natural love  
is very great and terrible.

Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

Proverbs 17:12



For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.

II Samuel 17:8

I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them.

Hosea 13:8

Motherly attachment and love are  
so strong, they may be relied on  
in matters of life and death.

25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.

27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.

I Kings 3:25-27

Wise Solomon knew a mother's  
love would even give up her baby  
to an enemy to save its life.

The Philistines by inspiration  
made golden hemorrhoids and  
put motherly instinct to the test.



7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

8 And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.

9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Bethshemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us: it was a chance that happened to us.

I Samuel 6:8-10



10 And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:

11 And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.

12 And the kine took the straight way to the way of Bethshemesh, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Bethshemesh.

I Samuel 6:10-12

Consider another Bible example –  
a mother eagle and care  
for its young.





As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young,  
spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her  
wings:

Deuteronomy 32:11

8 When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

9 For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 ...

12 So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

Deuteronomy 32:8-12

Consider another example – a  
mother lioness with her cub.





Consider another Bible example –  
you guess the mother and text.











The creation shows motherly  
affection toward young,  
even in sea monsters!

Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

Lamentations 4:3



A mother's love and compassion  
for an infant son is one of the  
strongest loves we know.

Our God is the dreadful and terrible God, and a man of war, yet He chose a mother's love of an infant son for His love for us.

The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

Exodus 15:3







A mother's love and compassion  
for an infant son is one of the  
strongest loves we know.

When you are discouraged,  
fearful, and/or lonely,  
God hears you.

Psalm 56:8



But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

Isaiah 49:14

Here is His response to you.

I hope you will never forget it.

I hope you will face life  
and eternity with it.

Can a woman forget her sucking child,



No, she cannot forget her  
sucking child!

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb?



No, she cannot lose compassion  
for the son of her womb!



Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget,





Mothers, no matter how loving,  
are not perfect, and they may fall  
short of perfect love of their sons.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

Isaiah 49:15

**But God will never forget you!**

He is better than the best mother.

This is His word of love to you.

I hope you will never forget it.

I hope you will face life  
and eternity with it.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

Isaiah 49:15



This is His word of love to you.

I hope you will admire, encourage,  
and learn theology from our mothers.

We have many wonderful  
mothers in our church that greatly  
love or loved their infant children.

But we have two exceptional examples by His gift of special love in them for special sons.

These two mothers love their sons  
very much and do everything  
for them with great cheer,  
affection, and devotion.

They provide a constant reminder  
of God's love from the text  
He gave us tonight.

Can these mothers forget their  
sons and not show them  
compassion?

No, it is impossible!

Though they might!



But God will never forget you or  
fail to have compassion on you.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

Isaiah 49:15

But our God did not stop there!

Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

Isaiah 49:16

God has you engraved on  
the palms of His hands!

He is constantly aware  
of your situation in life.

And He did not stop there!

Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.

Isaiah 49:17



He will expand and prosper  
you quickly in a hurry.

He will eliminate your enemies  
that hurt you and send  
them far away.

God's incredible love and care for  
you should bring your response.

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

Isaiah 49:13

Here are the five verses together.

13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

14 But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

Isaiah 49:13-14

15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

17 Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.

Isaiah 49:15-17

David wrote a very related rule.



He reasoned from the strongest  
love bond we know in life ...  
that God's love is greater.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

Psalm 27:10

How does God love you?

Now you know!

Now you know!

He loves you more than your mother did, and He can do, has done, and will do much more for you in the way of prosperity and protection than her.

What other ways does  
God compare and  
reveal His love?

There are more angles or traits.

But never forget the one God  
has shown us by mothers.

Thank God for it.

Get this transcendent fact!

God loves His Son Jesus Christ  
very much for many reasons,  
but He sent Him to the cruel  
death of the cross for you.

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:17



While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them:  
and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my  
beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Matthew 17:5

The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

John 3:35

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all,  
how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

I John 4:9-10

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life  
for his friends.

John 15:13

God's love will do much more for you than any good earthly father would do for His own children.

We began this study with God's love being better than a mother's love, but now it is a father's love.



9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Matthew 7:9-11

God's love will also consider  
your weaknesses like a  
good father will do.

God will never expect or require  
from you more than you can do.

13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them  
that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Psalm 103:13-14

God loves like men when they  
are kind, friendly, and gentle.

But He loves better than men by  
passionate forgiveness for wrongs.

1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt....

3 I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.

4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.

Hosea 11:1-4

God, unlike men, has love that causes His heart to turn and His bowels burn to repent and forgive.

8 How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.

9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.

Hosea 11:8-9



God is better than a good father  
by better use of chastening  
for better motives.

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Hebrews 12:6-8

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

Hebrews 12:9-10

Earthly parents got stuck with us,  
but God chose us to love us,  
which is intentional love.

6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 7:6

Human love is usually dependent on character, conduct, or benefits that make a person lovable, but God chose to love without such.

7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

8 But because the LORD loved you....

Deuteronomy 7:7-8

Human love is usually dependent on character, conduct, or benefits that make a person lovable, but God chose to love without such.



3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared....

Titus 3:3-7

God's love reached into a womb and choose one twin and rejected the other, and there is absolutely no unrighteousness in His choice.

10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Romans 9:10-13

God loves us and gladly sacrifices  
others for our benefit and good.

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3 For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:  
I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been  
honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for  
thee, and people for thy life.

Isaiah 43:3-4

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation....

Exodus 19:4-6

22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

Romans 9:22-24

Wise Abigail knew that God loved  
David very differently from Saul.



Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

I Samuel 25:29

God's love is obvious, if you will  
look at your life and others'  
and count your blessings.

2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness....

5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel.

Malachi 1:2-5

Nothing ... nothing at all ... can  
ever separate us from God's  
love for us in His beloved  
Son Jesus Christ.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 8:35-37

Did you notice death cannot  
separate you from His love?

Death takes you to God contrary  
to all human relationships.

Death ends a mother's love.

Death ends marital love.

*"Till death do us part."*

But death enhances God's love.

*"Till death do us start."*

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54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Acts 7:54-56

And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Acts 7:59

God's love for us is so great that  
He went far beyond justification  
to adopt us as His own sons.

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1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

I John 3:1-2

God did not just pardon sinners.  
He made them brothers of Jesus.  
He made them Jesus' joint-heirs.  
He sent His Spirit inside to tell it.  
Adoption includes even bodies.

Romans 8:23

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Romans 8:15-17

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Galatians 4:4-6

God did not love us when we  
were lovable but when sinners,  
and it commends His love greatly.



Only an exceptional, rare man  
would die for a good man, but  
God went far beyond any such.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:7-8

God loves us with an everlasting  
love ... He has always loved us ...  
He will always love us.

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love....

Jeremiah 31:3

In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

Isaiah 54:8

God's everlasting love means He draws us back to Himself by love and kindness for a relationship.

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Jeremiah 31:3

With nothing attractive about us,  
even dead in our own blood, God  
chose to love us anyway and to  
pour out His affection on us.



6 And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, **Live**; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, **Live**....

8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.

Ezekiel 16:6-8

Despite the most treacherous betrayal by His people, which He detailed graphically for 46 verses, God nevertheless loves His own.

Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.

Ezekiel 16:60

5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

6 For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

Even when God must chasten us  
for our sins, He remembers us  
with bowels and considers  
us dear and pleasant.

Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:20

God loved David despite his  
obscurity, and He blessed his  
past and promised him future  
favours that men do not allow.

18 Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?

20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant.

II Samuel 7:18-20



No matter what diabolical curse  
comes against you, God's love  
can turn it to a blessing.

Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam;  
but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee,  
because the LORD thy God loved thee.

Deuteronomy 23:5

Jesus Christ's love is so great that it takes mighty Spirit power and prayer for it to be fully known in all the glorious dimensions of it.

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory,  
to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being  
rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the  
breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge,  
that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19

God's love and His commitment to His children are not withdrawn for even great rejection on their part, when He has committed Himself.

28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes:  
but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers'  
sakes.

29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Romans 11:28-29

God's love for Jesus is the love we may claim from Him, for we are in His Son, and His Son is in us, and He prayed for this love to be in us.

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me....

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

John 17:22-26



God's love is guaranteed by it including the death of His Son, which obligates Him by choice, integrity, and family to freely give us every necessary thing.

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

Romans 8:31-33

God and Christ's love for His church is special and intimate; it is the high example for how husbands should love wives.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25-27

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Ephesians 5:28-20

When God must afflict us, He is afflicted with us; He will carry us through it and save us in the end.

9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Isaiah 63:9

God is not obligated to love us;  
He chooses to love us, and He  
joyfully basks in loving us and  
doing mighty things for us.



The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

God's love for His church and for  
you is so great that the angels  
desire to know this phenomenon.

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

I Peter 1:11-12

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Ephesians 3:10

God's love leads to His thoughts of  
peace and a desired outcome.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD,  
thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:11

Even when we backslide, which is  
folly, if we will repent, He will  
love freely and bless us.

4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

5 I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

Hosea 14:4-6



Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

Jeremiah 32:41

God's love in Christ and  
respect for true repentance  
leads to immediate forgiveness.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Psalm 32:5

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:9

Remember the vineyard.

He did all He could have for it.

He ruined it for disobedience.

He restored it with great care.

What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

Isaiah 5:4

2 In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine.

3 I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

4 Fury is not in me....

Isaiah 27:2-4

Angels celebrate when sinners  
repent, reflecting God's joy to  
forgive, like the prodigal's father,  
and unlike men that hold grudges.



7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance....

10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Luke 15:7-10

His loving restoration of sinners is  
not the manner of men, and it  
should cause hope and joy.

Rahab ... David ... Bathsheba ... Paul

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:7-9

What effect should  
God's love have on  
your faith and life?

Mere human love causes persons  
to do extreme and strange things  
in great joy and desire to please.

But God and Christ's love for us  
should affect us far more than  
earthly, temporal infatuation.

13 For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.

14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

II Corinthians 5:13-15

Do you know His love?

He sends His Spirit into the heart of  
His children to make them know it,  
but most grieve and quench Him.



2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans 5:2-5

Do you know His love?

The more you learn and show love to others, you are made perfect in love and can face Judgment Day boldly.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

I John 4:17-19

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

I John 3:18-21

What will you do with His love?

You should be fully persuaded of it,  
like Paul in Romans 8:38-39.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

What will you do with His love?

You should believe with full confidence that God has gifts consistent with His love for you, beyond human comprehension.

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

I Corinthians 2:9-11



What will you do with His love?

The apostles had to learn that God  
loved them without Jesus  
praying for them.

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you....

27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

John 16:23-27

What will you do with His love?

You should be able to pray with great confidence He wants to bless you.

<http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/confidence-in-prayer.pdf>

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

# God's love makes prayer a powerful privilege.

Vulnerable  
Teaching  
Hearing  
Reasoning  
Delighting

Answering  
Encouraging  
Guaranteeing  
Enhancing  
Exceeding

What will you do with His love?

His love allows reasoning with Him in prayer, even about His bowels.

Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?

Isaiah 63:15

What will you do with His love?

You should respond in kind, which He expects, which is to love Him with all your being, and this is hard due to sin.



19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Jude 1:19-21

What will you do with His love?

To remain in His love and have the most joy, keep His commandments.

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

John 15:9-11

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father,  
which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation  
and good hope through grace,

17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and  
work.

II Thessalonians 2:16-17

What will you do with His love?

For even more of His love, fellowship,  
and revelation ... love and obey Him.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

John 14:21-23

What will you do with His love?

He has shown His great love for you,  
then you should be able to love  
others in a similar way.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:12-13



12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Colossians 3:12-14

What will you do with His love?

His love is by far the most precious  
thing in life for a man's soul,  
embrace and praise it.

3 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

6 When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

Psalm 63:3-6

16 O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.

17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back....

20 The LORD was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

Isaiah 38:16-20

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103:1-5

How disappointed, frustrated, and  
offended should God be when the  
vain soap bubbles of this life mean  
more to you than His infinite love?

What will you do with His love?

We must communicate this God and  
His love to the next generation.

9 We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness....

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

Psalm 48:9-14



# For Further Study

- Knowing God – His Attributes ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/knowning-god-complete-01-08-2018.pdf>
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