

## THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING HOW MUCH GOD LOVES YOU

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“God’s love” means, **God is actively working to do us good**, and to help us in the best possible way all the time. **God’s nature is love**, *1Jn 4:8, 1Cor 13, Jn 3:16*.

Our love for God is a choice to do what He wants, *Jn 14:15* and to please Him.

**Faith in God’s Word opens the flood gates of His love to us.** As we believe God’s Word, we receive His forgiveness, salvation, healing, deliverance and provision. He freely gives us all His goodness. *Ps 107:1,2*.

**While we were God’s enemies**, (through our sins against Him), He reconciled us back to Himself, by the death of His Son. *Rom 5:8,10*. More than that, His life in us, saves us and makes us whole.

**The greatest act of love, ever**, was that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might have eternal life through Him, *1Jn 4:9,10, Jn 3:14-17*. **God sent Jesus, to pay the price, to turn away God’s judgment from us, due to sin, to put us right with Himself, and to bless us with his goodness.**

**God’s love for us is seen in the life, teaching and miracles of Jesus.** *Mat 4:23,24, Mat 8:16,17, Mat 9:35,36, Mat 14:35,36, Mat 15:30,31, Jn 10:32, Ac 10:38, Lk 7:22,23*.

**God’s love for us is seen especially in the last 24 hours of Jesus earthly ministry.** *Mat 26:36-57*, (Prayer in the garden and arrest), *Mat 26:59-68*, (Jewish trial and abuse), *Mat 27:11-14,22-37*, (Roman trial, whipping, abuse, and crucifixion), *Mat 27:39-51*, (mocking crowds, priests, thieves and the hours on the cross).

*Mat 26:53* **Jesus could have called out to His Father to save Him** from what He was about to go through, but He did not. What was the reason for this?

**One Reason : Because of His love for us.** The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit were willing to go through this act of love so that there might be an innumerable company of men and women, boys and girls, saved from sin, judgment and eternal hell. Everyone of these people are brought out of darkness into a right relationship with God, and are changed by the power of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, into the likeness of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The devil and the world do not want you to know that God loves you. They want you to think God is judging and condemning you. **It is important for you to know that God loves you so that you can fully and freely receive all that God has provided for you through His Son Jesus. And so you can freely give it away to others around you.**

He **cares** for you. *1Pet 5:7*

He is always **with you and will help you**, *Heb 13:5,6*.

He will **HEAR AND ANSWER YOUR CRY**. *Ps 34:4,6,15,17*.

He will **HEAL YOUR BODY**. *1Pet 2:24, Is 53:4-6*.

He will **deliver you** from evil. *Lk 11:4, Ac 10:38, Jam 4:7, 1Jn 3:8*.

He will **protect and save** you. *Ps 91*.

He will **forgive you and cleanse you** from sin. *1Jn 1:9*.

He will **set you free from sinful bondages**. *Rom 6:6,11,14*.

He will **fill you with His Holy Spirit**. *Lk 11:9-13*.

He will **guide you in His way**. *Pro 3:5,6*.

He will **give you His special works of service to build His Kingdom**. *Eph 2:10, 1Pet 4:10, Rom 12:5-8*.

He will **work in and through you to win the lost**. *Ac 1:8, Mat 4:19, Lk 5:10, Is 44:8*.

He will **save your family**. *Is 54:13, Is 49:25, Is 44:3,4*.

**Rom 8:32** He who spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things. *2Pet 1:3,4*.

**God loved us first before we loved Him.** *1Jn 4:19*. Our love for God is our heart’s response to the revelation of how much He loves us. Our love for others, the needy and the lost, comes from knowing how much God loves us.

**The more we know of His love for us, the more we love Him, other believers, the poor and needy and the lost.** *Mk 12:29-31*.