

The Love of God

Selected Scriptures

“The deepest truth to ever enter my mind is this: Jesus loves me, this I know. For the Bible tells me so.”

- Karl Barth

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
(John 3:16)

*but God shows his love for us in that while
we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
(Romans 5:8)

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. ” (Matthew 1:21)

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11)

I. What God's Love Is Not.

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A. God's love is not the essence of who God is.

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B. God's love is nothing like the popular concepts of love presented in today's media.

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John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world that He gave. . . .*

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—
(Ephesians 2:1-2)

“We were dead fish floating downstream in the polluted waters of this world’s corrupt system. We were nothing more than spiritual corpses, following the devil and living a lifestyle of disobedience to God.”

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— (Ephesians 2:4-5)

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We love because he first loved us.
(1 Jn.4:19).

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God said through the prophet, “I have loved you with an everlasting love.”
(Jeremiah 31:2)

In Psalm 136, all 26 verses repeat this phrase: *His love endures forever.*

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom.8:38-39)

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I the Lord do not change. (Malachi 3:6)