

HOW MUCH DOES GOD LOVE YOU?

1. He loved you long before you loved Him.

But God demonstrates His own **love** toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

We love Him because He first **loved** us (1 John 4:19).

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in **love**, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will (Ephesians 1:4-5).

2. He refused to just let you perish in your sins (like you deserve).

For God so **loved** the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

3. He sent His Son into the world to take on humanity so that you could have eternal life.

In this the **love** of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him (1 John 4:9).

4. He poured out His wrath against your sin on His own Son.

In this is **love**, not that we loved God, but that He **loved** us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins (1 John 4:10).

5. Because His just wrath against sin has been completely satisfied, He now offers you mercy instead of wrath, life instead of death, eternal kindness in Christ Jesus instead of inescapable bondage to sin and to Satan—all (because of His grace) through faith alone.

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great **love** with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast (Ephesians 2:1-9).

6. He wants to rescue you from your current sinful lifestyle, apart from any works of your own, by the cleansing and transforming work of the Holy Spirit, freely available through Jesus Christ.

For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the **love** of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior (Titus 3:3-6).

7. He allows all who have received His Son Christ Jesus by faith to be called one of His children.

Behold what manner of **love** the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God (1 John 3:1).

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name (John 1:12).

8. He is calling you through the Gospel (through what you are reading now!) to enjoy the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ and experience eternal comfort and genuine assurance.

But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren **beloved** by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ....Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has **loved** us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace... (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14, 16a).

9. He will not make you wait until you arrive in your home in glory in order to enjoy His presence but will instead make you His home during your life on earth.

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will **love** him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him" (John 14:23).

10. He guarantees you victory over anything that you think might separate you from His love.

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who **loved** us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the **love** of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:37-39).