

Love of God

*Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.
John 13:23*

It is abundantly clear from Scripture that God loves us. He is personal and relational. He is passionate. This forms the basis for all of His dealings with us. Love leads to our redemption, acceptance and forgiveness. It is this love that we find over and over again surprisingly, even shockingly, as we encounter Jesus, Immanuel, in our prayer sessions. Both in the present and the past--positive memories and in traumatic ones, we find that He loved us always. And loves us still!

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Love of God (God's Love Toward us)

Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the [love of God](#) has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 8:38-39 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.

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the [love of God](#), and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the [love of God](#) and into the patience of Christ.

Titus 3:4 But when the kindness and the [love of God](#) our Savior toward man appeared.

1 John 2:5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the [love of God](#) is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

1 John 3:17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the [love of God](#) abide in him?

1 John 4:9 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 5:3 For this is the [love of God](#), that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

Jude 1:21 Keep yourselves in the [love of God](#), looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Love You

Deuteronomy 7:13 And He will [love](#) you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.

Deuteronomy 10:15 The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to [love](#) them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as *it is* this day.

Proverbs 8:17 I [love](#) those who [love](#) me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.

Hosea 14:4 I will heal their backsliding, I will [love](#) them freely, For My anger has turned away from him.

Father Loves the Son

John 3:35 The Father [loves](#) the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

John 5:20 For the Father [loves](#) the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

John 10:17 Therefore My Father [loves](#) Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

Loves

Deuteronomy 10:18 He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and [loves](#) the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

Proverbs 3:12 For whom the LORD [loves](#) He corrects, Just as a father the son *in whom* he delights.

2 Corinthians 9:7 *So let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for [God loves](#) a cheerful giver.

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the LORD [loves](#) He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.

His Love

Deuteronomy 7:7 The LORD did not set [His love](#) on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples.

Psalms 91:14 Because he has set [his love](#) upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

Isaiah 63:9 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 bore them and carried them All the days of old.

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet *you* with [His love](#), He will rejoice over you with singing.

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

Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great [love](#) with which He loved us.

John 15:10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in [His love](#).

Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of [His love](#).

1 John 4:12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and [His love](#) has been perfected in us.

Loves You

Deuteronomy 7:8 But because the LORD [loves](#) you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 23:5 Nevertheless the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your [God loves](#) you.

Malachi 2:11 Judah has dealt treacherously, And an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem, For Judah has profaned The LORD'S holy *institution* which He [loves](#): He has married the daughter of a foreign god.

John 16:27 For the Father Himself [loves](#) you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

Loves His People

Deuteronomy 33:3 Yes, He [loves](#) the people; All His saints *are* in Your hand; They sit down at Your feet; *Everyone* receives Your words.

2 Chronicles 2:11 Then Hiram king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon: Because the LORD loves His people, He has made you king over them.

Psalms 47:4 He will choose our inheritance for us, The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah

Psalms 87:2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Loves Righteousness and Justice

Psalms 11:7 For the LORD *is* righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.

Psalms 33:5 He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

Psalms 37:28 For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

Psalms 45:7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

Psalms 99:4 The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Psalms 146:8 The LORD opens *the eyes of* the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous.

Proverbs 15:9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD, But He loves him who follows righteousness.

Isaiah 61:8 For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them an everlasting covenant.

Loves Him

Proverbs 15:9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD, But He loves him who follows righteousness.

Isaiah 48:14 All of you, assemble yourselves, and hear! Who among them has declared these *things*? The LORD loves him; He shall do His pleasure on Babylon, And His arm *shall be against* the Chaldeans.

1 John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

Loved Israel

Deuteronomy 4:37-38 And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power, driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land *as* an inheritance, as *it is* this day.

Deuteronomy 23:5 Nevertheless the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loves you.

1 Kings 10:9 Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD has loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness.

2 Chronicles 9:8 Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on His throne *to be* king for the LORD your God! Because your God has loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness.

Psalms 78:68 But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved.

Isaiah 43:4 Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, And I have loved you; Therefore I will give men for you, And people for your life.

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you."

Hosea 11:1 When Israel *was* a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.

Malachi 1:2 I have loved you," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'In what way have You loved us?' *Was* not Esau Jacob's brother?" Says the LORD. "Yet Jacob I have loved."

Loved Individuals

2 Samuel 12:24-25 Then David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her and lay with her. So she bore a son, and he called his name **Solomon**. Now the LORD loved him, and He sent *word* by the hand of Nathan the prophet: So he called his name Jedidiah [Beloved of the Lord], because of the LORD.

Romans 9:13 As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."

John 11:3 Therefore the sisters [Martha and Mary] sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he [**Lazarus**] whom You love is sick."

John 11:5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

John 11:36 Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

Loved You

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*: "Yes, I have [loved](#) you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have [loved](#) you, that you also love one another.

John 15:12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have [loved](#) you.

Revelation 3:9 Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have [loved](#) you.

Loved His Own

John 13:1 Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having [loved](#) His own who were in the world, He [loved](#) them to the end.

Loved the Church

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also [loved](#) the church and gave Himself for her.

Loved Us

Romans 8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who [loved us](#).

Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He [loved us](#),

Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has [loved us](#) and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 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,

1 John 4:10 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 4:11 Beloved, if God so [loved us](#), we also ought to love one another.

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

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who [loved us](#) and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

Disciple Whom He Loved

John 13:23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples [John], [whom Jesus loved](#).

John 20:2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, [whom Jesus loved](#), and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

John 19:26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple [whom He loved](#) [John] standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!"

John 21:7 Therefore that disciple [whom Jesus loved](#) said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

John 21:20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple [whom Jesus loved](#) following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

Loved Me

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who [loved](#) me and gave Himself for me.

Loved By My Father

John 14:21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be [loved](#) by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

John 16:27 For the Father Himself loves you, because you have [loved](#) Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

Father Loved the Son

John 17:23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have [loved](#) them as You have [loved](#) Me.

John 17:24 Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You [loved](#) Me before the foundation of the world.

John 17:26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You [loved](#) Me may be in them, and I in them.

Loved the World

John 3:16 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.

Set His Love On Us

Deuteronomy 7:7 The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples.

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

Jesus, Epitome of Love

Philippians 2:6-8 Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

John 10:15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

John 10:17 Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

1 John 3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Examples of Unrequited Love

Jerusalem (Israel)

Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem: Your birth and your nativity *are* from the land of Canaan; your father *was* an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. *As for* your nativity, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed in water to cleanse *you*; you were not rubbed with salt nor wrapped in swaddling cloths. No eye pitied you, to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you; but you were thrown out into the open field, when you yourself were loathed on the day you were born. And when I passed by you and saw you struggling in your own blood, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' Yes, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' I made you thrive like a plant in the field; and you grew, matured, and became very beautiful. *Your* breasts were formed, your hair grew, but you *were* naked and bare. "When I passed by you again and looked upon you, indeed your time *was* the time of love; so I spread My wing over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine," says the Lord GOD. "Then I washed you in water; yes, I thoroughly washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil. I clothed you in embroidered cloth and gave you sandals of badger skin; I clothed you with fine linen and covered you with silk. I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your wrists, and a chain on your neck. And I put a jewel in your nose, earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing *was of* fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate *pastry of* fine flour, honey, and oil. You were exceedingly beautiful, and succeeded to royalty. Your fame went out among the nations because of your beauty, for it *was* perfect through My splendor which

I had bestowed on you," says the Lord GOD. "But you trusted in your own beauty, played the harlot because of your fame, and poured out your harlotry on everyone passing by who *would have it*." Ezekiel 16:1-15

Israel

Then the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman *who is loved* by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love *the raisin cakes of the pagans*." Hosea 3:1

Rich Young Ruler

Then Jesus, looking at him, *loved* him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Mark 10:21-22

Human Race

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...And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men *loved* darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. John 3:16, 19

Paul and the Church

And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am *loved*. 2 Corinthians 12:15

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