

Behold HIS Glory
GOD is Love
John 1:14, 1 John 4:8

“Silent Night”, the lyrics were written as a poem by Josef Mohr an assistant pastor of a Christian Church in a small village near Salzburg, Austria in 1818. The words to the poem were inspired as Josef contemplated the night King Jesus was born. Seeking to ‘get the story straight’, we too have been contemplating this Babe born in a feeding trough, who is the Bread of Life for the entire world. As John states: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and **we beheld His glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1,14 NKJV **Those that encountered Jesus Christ when He walked the earth and those that encounter Him now marvel at His Glory as we experience His Faithfulness, His Goodness and His Love.**

HIS VERY NATURE IS LOVE
God is love.

1 John 4:8b

I. ATTRIBUTES OF GOD’S LOVE

Uninfluenced – GOD loves because HE is love – HIS choice to love is not based on emotion, physical appearance, intellectual capacity, athletic prowess, etc.

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; but because the Lord loves you... Deuteronomy 7:7-8a NKJV

We love Him because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19 NKJV

Eternal – GOD is eternal, so is HIS love as love is HIS nature

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. Jeremiah 31:3 NKJV

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, 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, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:3-6 NKJV

**Infinite –so wide, so long, so deep, so high it is incomprehensible -
Eph.3:18-19**

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) Ephesians 2:4-5 NKJV

Unchanging – GOD is the same yesterday, today and forever – so is HIS Love!
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 8:38-39 NKJV

Gracious – We beheld HIS Glory, full of grace and truth
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and **we beheld His glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, **full of grace and truth**. John 1:14 NKJV

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. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:16-18 NKJV

CHRIST died not in order to make GOD love us, but because HE did love HIS people, Calvary is the supreme demonstration of Divine Love. Arthur Pink

DO KNOW HIM?

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED HIS LOVE?

HE LOVES YOU!

STAY IN HIS LOVE

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Jude 1:20-21 NKJV

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen. Jude 1:20-21 NKJV