

“For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ – even when we were dead in our sins – it is by grace that you have been saved” (Eph. 2:4-5).

“...they may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God” (Eph. 3:18-19).

The love of God is greater far  
    Than tongue or pen can ever tell,  
It goes beyond the highest star  
    And reaches to the lowest hell.  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,  
    God gave His Son to win:  
His erring child he reconciled,  
    And pardoned from his sin.

Could we with ink the oceans fill  
    And were the skies of parchment made;  
Were every stalk on earth a quill  
    And every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above  
    Would drain the ocean dry,  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole  
    Though stretched from sky to sky.

#### *Chorus*

O love of God, how rich and pure!  
    How measureless and strong!  
It shall for evermore endure---  
    The saints' and angels' song.

“When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, ‘Go, take to yourself an adulterous wife and children of unfaithfulness, because the land is guilty of the vilest adultery in departing from the Lord.’ So he married Gomer, daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son” (Hosea 1:2-3).

“The Lord said to me, ‘Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her *as the Lord loves the Israelites*, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.’ So I bought her... Then I told her, ‘You are to live with me many days...and *I will live with you*’” (Hosea 3:1-3).