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**6 And because you are sons, God has sent
the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,
“Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a
slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir
through God.**

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Romans 5:5 ESV

**5 and hope does not put us to shame,
because God's love has been poured into
our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has
been given to us.**

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Right Knowing, Right Loving

**Right knowing is in the service of loving.
And if your knowing doesn't produce
loving, you don't know right yet.**

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1 Corinthians 13 AMP

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love [for others growing out of God's love for me], then I have become only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal [just an annoying distraction].

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2 And if I have the gift of prophecy [and speak a new message from God to the people], and understand all mysteries, and [possess] all knowledge; and if I have all [sufficient] faith so that I can remove mountains, but do not have love [reaching out to others], I am nothing.

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1 Corinthians 13 AMP

3 If I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it does me no good at all.

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Drawing Us with Love

Once the legal process of adoption is completed, it is not the end but the beginning. The adopted father now works to win the love of the child with acts of love and kindness.

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Definition of God's Love

God's love is an exercise of His goodness toward individual sinners whereby, having identified himself with their welfare, he has given His son to be their savior and now brings them to know and to enjoy them in a covenant relation. - J.I. Packer

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Definition of Goodness

God's generosity is that perfection in God that prompts him to deal bountifully and kindly with His creatures. It is the affection that He feels toward us...Of this goodness, God's love is the supreme and most glorious manifestation.

- Louis Berkhof

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Human Love vs God's Love

Human Love	God's Love
Inspired from the beloved	Sovereign choice
Emotion-driven	Covenant Driven
Grows [shrinks] over time based on experience	Established before creation, never changing

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Definition God's Goodness

God is good to all in some ways and good to some in all ways

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Exodus 20:4

You shall not bow down to them [idols] or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me

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Exodus 34

12 Take care, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in your midst. 13 You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim 14 (for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),

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Exodus 34

15 lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they whored after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and you are invited, you eat of his sacrifice, 16 and you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters whored after their gods and make your sons whored after their gods.

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Human Jealousy

Human jealousy is rooted in anger, envy, pride, and the individual ego. Romans 1:29 includes it among characteristics of wickedness, and Proverbs 6:24 says “jealousy arouses a husband’s fury, and he will show no mercy when he takes revenge.”

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God’s Jealousy

Unlike human jealousy—which shows that a person loves themselves more than the object of their jealousy and envy—God’s jealousy is a result of great love and devotion to His elect.

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Zealous

Our response to God's love is to reflect His love back and to be zealous for Him. Jealousy stems from a loving, unselfish concern for those under his care, which is why He demands our exclusive devotion. Zeal is caring passionately.

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Struggle to Receive Love

Struggle	Symptom
Orphan Heart	Not accepted as a son
Rejection	Not accepted because of who I am
Perfectionism	Not accepted because of the quality of what I'm doing
Performance	Accepted only when I'm doing

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Ephesians 3

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

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Ephesians 3

17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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Ephesians 3

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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