

LOVE Overcomes February 11, 2024
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To help us ALL recognize, know, & experience the Love of God
Not just hear about it or read about it or sing about it

Jeremiah 31:3 “...I have *loved* you, My people, w/ an *everlasting love*. With *unfailing love* I have drawn you to Myself.”

God's Love - shows great care; devoted; adoring; close; accepted; mindful

1 John 4:7b AMP ...love is from God; & everyone who loves others is born of God & knows God through personal experience. The one who does not love has not become acquainted w/ God [does not & never did know Him], for God is love. He's the originator of love, & it's an enduring attribute of His nature.

God is the source of all love; all love comes from God.

1 John 4:9 TPT The light of ***God's love*** shined w/in us when He sent His matchless Son into the world so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ This is ***love***: ***He loved us*** long before we loved Him. It was ***His love***, not ours. He proved it by sending His Son to be the pleasing sacrificial offering to take away our sins.

Our God selflessly gave His Son Jesus to us because He first loved us.
God loved us even before we had the capability or capacity to love.

1 John 4:16 We know how much God **loves** us, & we have put our trust in His **love**. **God is love**, & all who live in **love** live in God, & God lives in them. ¹⁷ As we live in God, our **love** grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face Him w/ confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. ¹⁸ Such **love** has no fear, because **perfect love** expels all fear. If we're afraid, it's for fear of punishment, & this shows that we have not fully experienced His perfect **love**.

We have no fear in His love & care. Because we know God loves us, we know He wants the best for us, only good for us, no harm to us.

1 John 3:16a We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us.

1 John 3:16a AMPC By this we come to know, progressively to recognize, to perceive, to understand the essential love: that He laid down His own life for us...

*We know what real love is because Jesus gave His life so that we can progressively know & come to understand the **essential love** of God.*

Ephesians 2:4 AMP God, being so very rich in mercy, because of **His** great & wonderful **love** w/ which **He loved** us, 5 even when we were spiritually dead & separated from Him because of our sins, He made us spiritually alive together w/ Christ (*for by His grace - His undeserved favor & mercy – you've been saved from God's judgment*).

We believe that God, in His love, in His good will toward us, has delivered us from judgment through the death of Jesus for our sins. Jesus was content to come & die for us, we're not a burden. We're not a problem to God. Every time God thinks of us, He does so lovingly.

Romans 5:5b ...we know how dearly God **loves** us, because He's given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts w/ His love. 6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time & died for us sinners. 7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who's especially good. 8 But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. 9 Since we've been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, He'll certainly save us from God's condemnation. 10 Since our friendship w/ God was restored by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of His Son. 11 Now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship w/ God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

*The love of God is still being experienced all over the world.
God's love is still being poured out. You can receive God's love.*

*When you receive God's love, you'll receive God's power!
 God's powerful love overcomes. His love is victorious. His love wins.
 God's powerful love conquers. His love never fails. His love never fades.*

Jesus recognized, knew, experienced, & depended on the love of God.

Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:16 After His baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened & He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove & settling on Him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is My *dearly loved* Son, who *brings Me great joy.*"

Mount of Transfiguration

Matthew 17:5 But even as he (*Peter*) spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, & a voice from the cloud said, "This is My *dearly loved* Son, who *brings Me great joy.* Listen to Him."

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Romans 8:35 AMP Who shall ever separate us from the *love of Christ?* Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ...**37** Yet in all these things we're more than conquerors & gain an overwhelming victory through *Him who loved* us so much that He died for us. **38** For I am convinced & continue to be convinced-beyond any doubt, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present & threatening, nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the *unlimited love of God,* which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Nothing God has ever done, or is doing, or will ever do,
 is separate from His love. His love is who He is.*

Blessing

Ephesians 3:17 Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into *God's love* & keep you strong. **18** May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, & how deep His *love* is. **19** May you experience the *love* of Christ, though *it's too great to understand fully.* Then you'll be made complete w/ all the fullness of life & power that comes from God.

*While you were a sinner, Jesus died for you.
While you were in sin, His Love pursued you.
While you were in darkness, His Love shined on your heart.
His Love is more powerful than your sin.
His Love is more powerful than your shame.
His Love is more powerful than your guilt & pain.
His Love is brighter than the darkness that you face.
Our God is Love, & His Love overthrows any obstacle in your life.*

*Through Jesus, we perceive & come to know the selfless Love of God.
Our God laid down His life for us. Christ, our True & Living King,
gave His life so that we may see God's Love manifested.*

If you haven't accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord & Savior, say this:

Father God, I thank You for Your Son Jesus. I believe that He died, & rose for me. I repent of my sin, & I turn to You. I surrender all. I confess w/ my mouth, Jesus is my Lord & Savior. Amen.