

# Love of God

In Chapter 1, we learned from the scriptures that man was first created pure and sinless. The devil deceived Adam and Eve, and they fell from that purity which they possessed. Instead of God forsaking and leaving man to destruction (...for the wages of sin is death... Rom. 6:23), he provided a way of escape through the plan of redemption. This shows or reveals the “love of God” for man. God’s love is so wonderful. He did not leave us to destruction, for we can be redeemed.

1. Does Jesus care if we perish? Mark 4:36-39

Just as Jesus was concerned about the welfare of His followers then, he is concerned about our life and our welfare. Today, He can speak and calm the wind and storms in our life and we can feel the peace and the calm that comes when Jesus has control of our life. God is concerned about us today, even though we are but lowly human creatures.

2. **How much did God love us?** John 3:16

Could any greater love be shown than was shown by God? He gave His only son so that we would not have to perish. This reveals how much God loves us.

3. **Did Christ wait until we were good before he died?** Rom. 5:5-8

Would you consider dying for someone who is bad and sinful? This is not natural, is it? But then the love of God is not natural. It goes far beyond the bounds of human love. He died for us while we were sinners. Please consider Ephesians 3:16-19.

4. **What is the greatest love that one can have?** John 15:13

Jesus manifested this when He laid down His life for us. He died for us, so we could live. What greater love could be shown?

5. **Was it because of our works?** Titus 3:5

6. **At one time we had no hope, but now...** Ephesians 2:12-13

At one time we had no hope, but now through Christ, we can have hope if we accept His love and live according to his way.

7. **How many will God allow to perish?** 2 Peter 3:9

If man perishes, it is because of his own choosing. It is not the will of God that any should perish. If we are lost, we cannot blame it on God; he has done all he can. The rest is up to us.

8. **With what kind of love does God love us?** Jeremiah 31:3

God’s love is not just momentary; it is everlasting. This is something we can rely on even when our crosses become too heavy to bear.

9. **To what did Paul give credit?** 1 Corinthians 15:10

He gave credit to the grace (unmerited favor, love) of God. For what we are today, we, too, must give credit to the love of God.

10. **Although the love of God is for all to accept in whom does God delight?** Proverbs 15:9

The way of the wicked God does not love, but He does love the one who lives in righteousness.

11. **What does Christ do today?** Revelation 3:20

He does not force anyone to accept him or his way of life. But he does stand patiently at the door and knocks, waiting to be let in. May we let him come in before he turns and leaves, perhaps never to return.

12. **Will God always strive (plead) with us?** Genesis 6:3

**SUMMARY**

The love of God: Where would man be if it had not been for God's love?  
Even though Adam sinned and that carnal nature was passed on to all men,  
God provided a way whereby we can get rid of the carnal nature and receive  
the divine nature, the godly nature. 2 Peter 1:4