

GOD LOVES ME THIS I KNOW . . . DO YOU BELIEVE THAT HE DOES ?
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WHY DOES GOD LOVE US?

John 3:16-17 NIV - ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Notes: God doesn't love us because He finds in us something adorable, something lovable. In fact, He probably looks at us and doesn't find much to love. God loves us because the character of God is the character of love.

Romans 5:8 NIV - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Notes: While we were still sinners"—these are amazing words. God sent Jesus Christ to die for us, not because we were good enough, but just because he loved us and wants us to spend eternity with him. Whenever you feel uncertain about God's love for you, remember that he loved you even before you turned to him.

1 John 4:9-10 NIV - ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins

Notes: Love explains (1) why God creates—because he loves, he creates people to love; (2) why God cares—because he loves us, he reaches out to sinful people; (3) why we are free to choose whether we will follow him—God wants a willing, sincere, and loving response from us; (4) why Christ died—his love for us moved him to offer a solution to the problem of sin; and (5) why we receive eternal life—God's love will express itself to us forever.

Luke 19:10 NIV - For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Notes: Jesus came to save all the lost, regardless of background or previous way of life. Through faith, the lost can be forgiven and made new.AMEN

Ephesians 2:10 NIV - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Notes: We are God's masterpiece (work of art, workmanship). He alone masterminds our salvation. He works powerfully and creatively in us. He uses us as his canvas. If God considers us his masterpiece, we dare not treat ourselves or others with disrespect or as inferior work.

1 Peter 2:9-10 NIV - ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Notes: People often base their self-concept on their accomplishments. But the importance of our relationship with Christ transcends our jobs, successes, wealth, or knowledge. We have been chosen by God as his very own, and we have been called to represent him to others. Remember that your value comes from being one of God's children, not from what you can achieve. You have worth because of what God does, not because of what you do.

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT HE DOES ? YES I DO, IT'S YOUR CHOICE

Ephesians 4:1-6 NIV - ¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called ; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Notes: There is one body," says Paul. But unity does not just happen; we have to work at it. Often differences among people can lead to division, but this should not be true in the church. Instead of concentrating on what divides us, we should remember what unites us: one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God! Have you learned to appreciate people who are different from you? Can you see how their differing gifts and viewpoints can help the church as it does God's work? Learn to enjoy the way we members of Christ's body complement one another.

In Closing:

Romans 8:37-39 NIV ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Notes: Hold these two verses deeply in your heart and mind. Claim them for yourself so you will never doubt God's love and care for you, especially when you are facing great adversity.