

GOD IS LOVE

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Love: *the very nature of God; unselfish and benevolent concern for the good of another; affection; knowing and providing the best for the loved one.*

	How is God's LOVE shown in these Scriptures?	Observations, Questions, Synonyms, Other Attributes	What difference does God's LOVE make in my life?
<p>Genesis 3:21-24</p> <p>The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ²² And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." ²³ So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side^[a] of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.</p> <p><i>a. Or "placed in front"</i></p>			
<p>Psalms 107:1-9</p> <p>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.</p> <p>² Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,</p> <p>³ those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.^[a]</p> <p>⁴ Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.</p> <p><i>Continued</i></p>			

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<p>Psalm 107:1-9 - continued</p> <p>⁵ They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.</p> <p>⁶ Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.</p> <p>⁷ He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.</p> <p>⁸ Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,</p> <p>⁹ for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.</p> <p><i>a. Hebrew "north and the sea"</i></p>			
<p>John 3:16</p> <p>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.</p>			
<p>John 19:16-27</p> <p>Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.</p> <p>¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.</p> <p><i>Continued</i></p>			

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<p>John 19:16-27 - continued</p> <p>²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."</p> <p>²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."</p> <p>²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.</p> <p>²⁴ "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, "They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment."^a</p> <p>So this is what the soldiers did.</p> <p>²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.</p> <p><i>a. Psalm 22:18</i></p>			

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<p>Romans 5:5-11</p> <p>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.</p> <p>⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.</p> <p>⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.</p>			

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What other scriptures come to mind?			

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Reflections

1 Corinthians 16:14

1 John 4:7-12

How have you experienced God's love in your life? How do you know He loves you?

What specific ways can you love those around you this week?

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Lecture Notes

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Prayer Requests
