

## God's love for us

Exodus 34:6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Deuteronomy 10:15 The Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.

1 Chronicles 16:34 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalms 16:3 As for the saints who are in the earth, They are the majestic ones in whom is all my delight.

Psalms 56:9 This I know, that God is for me.

Psalms 57:10 Your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Psalms 86:13 For great is your steadfast love toward me;

Psalms 86:15 You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalms 90:14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Psalms 103:11 As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Psalms 139:17–18 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

Psalms 143:8 Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

Psalms 149:4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Song 7:10 I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me.

Song 6:3 I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine;

Song 2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Lamentations 3:21–24 This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Hosea 11:1, 3–4, 8 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. It was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? ... my compassion grows warm and tender.

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Luke 15:20–24 He arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

John 3:16–17 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you,

John 15:9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

John 16:27 The Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

John 17:26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Romans 5:5 God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:8 God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 8:31–32 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:38–39 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Ephesians 2:4–9 God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 3:16–19 According to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 5:2 Walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for us,

Titus 3:4–7 When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

1 John 3:16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us,

1 John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

1 John 4:10 This is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

Jude 20–21 You, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God,

Revelation 1:5b–6 To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

#### Ways that God has loved us

Supported us and by gentleness made us great

Psalms 18:35 You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great.

His grace and lovingkindness are at our disposal

Psalms 23:6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me all the days of my life,

He sustains us and keeps us

Psalms 55:22 Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

He bears our burdens

Psalms 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden, even the God who is our salvation.

He is good

Psalms 100:5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

He removes our sin

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

He formed and knit us together

Psalms 139:13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

He is patient with us

Psalms 145:8 The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He has clothed and covered us with His righteousness

Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

He doesn't let us be tempted beyond what we are able

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

He is always near when we call

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

He draws near to us when we draw near to Him

James 4:8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

He gives us hope

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

He faithfully forgives us

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

He gives us peace

2 John 3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.