

GOD'S GLORIOUS, FAITHFUL LOVE For Man – What Precious Grace!

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Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, **for God is love**. In this the love of God is manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. I John 4:7-11 (NKJV – **bold** emphasis mine)

Remember what another contributing author (to the full Counsel of the Word of God) wrote under the influence of the Holy Spirit of God: “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NKJV)

Have you ever considered (meditated upon) how God’s love is tied to His FAITHFULNESS? “God is love” is a partial description of His glorious character. In being faithful to this innate quality of the Godhead, God “manifests” or shows (or demonstrates) this treasured trait. God acts out His loving character. And it just so happens that mankind is the special focus of His love. We are the recipients of His love ... if we would but, by faith, receive it. WOW! THANKS BE TO GOD!

During this upcoming Valentine’s *season*, let’s manifest wisdom by placing Creator God at the centerpiece of our ponderings on love. (It helps to focus on glorious, biblical love as outlined in I Corinthians 13, not the ugly, often selfish love as fallen man defines it. PLEASE take time to read and ponder this chapter.)

“LORD, we praise You for Your faithfulness to Your glorious character, especially – during this Valentine’s *season* – that beautiful quality of love. Thank You for acting out Your love in such merciful ways toward us. WE ARE GRATEFUL. Thank You for the loving obedience of Your Son who endured the sacrifice on the cross on our behalf. Father God, thank You for forgiveness of *death-bringing sin* through the blood of Christ – the Lamb of God. Thank You for this MOST PRECIOUS way You’ve shown Your love for needy mankind. Thank You for moving in our hearts through Your dear Holy Spirit whereby we have – those of us who have – accepted this loving provision which is required for eternal Life with You. Glory be! Blessed be! Please help us be faithful to You in response to Your loving kindness to us as we walk in Your Spirit, as we abide in Your Vine. Thank You. In Jesus Christ’s holy name we pray, amen. In Jesus Christ’s holy name, we praise You. Amen.”