

Behold the Love of God

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1 John 3:1

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us!

It's easy to skip over a word such as "behold" when reading Scripture, but let's take a closer look using Thayer's multilevel definition of the Greek word. If it's helpful, as you read the different aspects of how the word is applied in Scripture, picture in your mind how each definition would look if you or someone else were to act it out or read it out loud with expressive emphasis.

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1) to see

1a) to perceive with the eyes

1b) to perceive by any of the senses

1c) to perceive, notice, discern, discover

1d) to see

1e) to experience any state or condition

1f) to see, i.e. have an interview with, to visit

2) to know

2a) to know of anything

2b) to know, i.e. get knowledge of, understand, perceive

2c) to have regard for one, cherish, pay attention to

Behold, the love of God!
See it with your eyes and all your senses.
Perceive its value.
Understand it.
Discover His great love for you.
Pay attention to it.
Examine it.
Gaze at it.
Experience His love.
Visit with it.
Know it as a fact.
Cherish it.
Simply take the time to appreciate
His astonishing love for you.