

Enjoying God's Love for You

From: Know and Believe:

A Lifetime Journey toward Rediscovering God's Love for You

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There is no end to what we can discover about God's love for us. It was a constant challenge while writing and editing to provide you with what I believe to be the core information to get you on a course of knowing and believing the love God has for you. Even so, there are many things we can still explore. I'd like to give you some suggestions of where to go from here.

Please don't view these as homework or something you *must* do. They are only ideas that I think would be enjoyable. If you prefer to go on your own path or just allow the Holy Spirit to lead you into more of His love, that is perfectly fine.

One suggestion is to read through Genesis – Malachi again with the understanding you gained from this book. Remember to see things in their proper context. Allow yourself to see God as love at all times.

Enjoy the Psalms and Proverbs for what they meant originally, but then adapt them as a New Covenant child of God. Interact with them with singing or even dancing.

Write your own poems or songs about the love of God. If you are an artist of any kind, attempt to depict His love for us.

Create or find home decor that expresses God's amazing love for us and post it for all to see.

Jesus said, "If you've seen me, you've seen the Father." So, read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John again. Visualize the life of Christ and open your eyes to how His life, death, and resurrection put God's love on display. Begin to ask, "Does this apply to me," instead of, "How does this apply to me?"

For those who like journaling, splurge on a new journal and begin to record what you are learning about God's love for you. Or use the journal as a way to converse with God.

Let Him heal you of things in your past that are holding you back from fully knowing and believing the love God has for you.

Let Him completely set you free. You don't need to spend the rest of your life hurting because of the failures of others. Forgive those who offended you. Look to Jesus and trust Him to comfort you.

Remember His love when sudden and great storms come your way. Don't be afraid. Rest in His love.

Take some time to specifically think about His love for you during the day. Think of clever ways to remember to be thankful and talk with Him. When I look at the time, and it is something odd like 2:22, 4:56, 11:11, or 3:21, I often say out loud, "It's 10:10. Time to remember God loves me!" Then I take a minute or two just to enjoy the fact that He really does love me. Yes, me! In between activities, upon waking or when going to bed, talk to Him. Set alarms on your phone if you need to so you will remember to enjoy His presence. Don't feel guilty that you need to remind yourself. This world is designed to distract us, so it's ok to devise some systems to snap back into God's reality. No formulas are required. Just talk to your loving God.

Take a vacation or a few days off at home to focus on the topic of God's great love.

Perhaps you would like to read this book again or study it with a friend. If you are a parent, you could read through these pages with your children or discuss them as you go through life with them. Imagine how different their lives will be because they understand that their God loves them.

Thank you for taking your precious time to consider the thoughts in this book. Hopefully, you have been blessed. May our beloved God open all of our eyes to the glories of His wonderful love for us throughout our lives.

Sincerely in Jesus,
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