

## THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US

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The **greatness of God** is beyond anything we can imagine with our human minds.

**“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable”.** *Ps 145:3.*

**He is far greater** than anything we know about or face in life. The problems, dangers, trials and tests that we face day by day, or from time to time, **are very small compared to our God and Lord.**

“Ah Lord God! behold You have made the heaven and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm, and **there is nothing too hard for You**”. *Jer 32:17.* The man said to Jesus, “If You can do anything, have compassion on us, and help us”. Jesus replied, **“If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes”.** *Mk 9:22,23.*

Jesus said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God: for **with God all things are possible**”. *Mk 10:27.*

**God's love is a part of His greatness. God's love is far greater than any degree of love we can imagine.**

**Before God formed you or me in the womb He knew us,** and had planned out His purposes for us to fulfil during our lifetime. *Jer 1:5, Ps 139:13-18, Eph 1:4.*

**God says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness I have drawn you”.** *Jer 31:3.*

More than that, before God created man on the earth with the capacity of free will, the Godhead decided that in the event of man falling into sin, **the Son of God, the Second Person of the Godhead, would come to the earth and give His life as a sacrifice, to redeem man back to God as his Father.** *Rev 13:8, 1Pet 1:18-20, 2Tim 1:9, Eph 1:4.*

**What amazing, wonderful love.**

**God's nature is love. He is love. And He acts in love.** *1Jn 4:8, 1Jn 4:16, Jn 3:16,17, 1Jn 4:10.*

**As we experience the love of God,** His forgiveness, His healing, His deliverance, His guidance, and much more, **our hearts are stirred to respond in love to Him.** *1Jn 4:19, 2Cor 5:14.* God's love is primary and ours is a love of response. The more a person loves us, the more we want to love them and the less we want to hurt them.

**Press in to love God and others,** as you experience His love. Seek to do what God wants. *Jn 14:15, 21, 23.* This is loving Him. Forgive others their sins against you, release them from your condemning judgment, give the problem to the Lord to solve, and pray blessing upon them, as in *Ac 26:18, Col 1:9-11.* When we do this we are loving and obeying the Lord and loving other people. *Mk 11:25,26, Mat 6:14,15, Mat 18:21-35.*

**Love is always tested.** It is not easy to love. Love is a sacrifice of serving others, to do them good and help them. *Gal 5:13.* It is hard to forgive others their sins against us. **Make the decision to act in love and the Holy Spirit will give you the strength to do it, as you cry out to the Lord for help.**

**Press in to love the poor and needy folk around you.** Find out the needs of others. Pray for the wisdom of the Lord as to how to proceed. He will show you. Go out to the children and young people who have no home, no food, no clothes, no shelter and seek to help them. As you do, give them the message of God's love to us through Christ. *Mat 25:31-46.* Every day be ready to tell others the Good News of God's love to us through Jesus Christ. *Acts 20:24.*

**Become rooted in love and established in love.** *Eph 3:17.* Know the breadth, length, depth and height of the love of God. *Eph 3:18.* And know that God's love will take care of every detail of your life. *Eph 3:19.* There is no part of your life that will not be under the love of God. Cast all your cares upon Him because He cares for you. *1Pet 5:7.*

**As you grow in the knowledge of God's love, fear will be destroyed out of your life.** *1Jn 4:18.* God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. *2Tim 1:7, Rom 8:38,39.* **Know how much God loves you.** Be confident that He will keep you at all times and in all places. His love in you will destroy fear.

In these last days the evil in the world will grow stronger. Do not let the evil around you draw you away from the love of God. **Do not let your love grow cold.** Jesus warns us. *Mat 24:12.* Watch over your love for your wife, your husband, your parents, your children, your family, your church and neighbours. *Lk 10:25-37.* Keep your love strong.

We can all achieve more by working together in harmony. *Rom 15:5-7, 1Cor 1:10, 1Cor 12:20,25, Phil 1:27, 2:2.* **Love is the glue that binds us together.** Without love holding us together we cannot work together. The selfishness of our hearts will cause us to separate. Keep forgiving and blessing one another. Do not hold unforgiveness or bitterness.

**Find freedom in Christ from rejection, insecurities and fears.** These cause us to react to one another and separate.

In *John 17:26* Jesus declares unto us the name of the Father, *Jn 17:1.* And Jesus says that He is doing this so that the **love that the Father has for Jesus will be in us as well.** As we understand the full meaning of the name of the Father, we will be able to receive and experience His full love. We are living in Christ and Christ is living in us and God the Father loves us individually, as he loves Jesus.