



## Love ... The Enormous Price of God's Love for YOU

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### How Do We Know if we Have Been Loved?

- I. By the \_\_\_\_\_ to Love
- II. By how \_\_\_\_\_ Their Actions
- III. By the \_\_\_\_\_ through Their Act
- IV. By the \_\_\_\_\_ they have in \_\_\_\_\_ to Love or Not

### How has He Loved ... Ephesians 5:1-2

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of His Love ...  
Cp. Psalm 86:15; 136:26; Jeremiah 31:3
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of His Love ...  
Cp. Romans 5:8; 1 John 3:1
- III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of His Love ...  
Cp. Ephesians 2:4-5; 1 John 4:9-10
- IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ that Came from His Love ...  
Cp. Isaiah 43:4

### What will YOU do with HIS Love?

- I. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ His Love?
- II. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ to Grow in His Love?
- III. Will you Allow His Love to \_\_\_\_\_?

## Truth for Life

For the week of August 2, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. How do you know God loves you? How have you experienced it? Has that knowledge ebbed and flowed from time to time? What has caused that knowledge to increase or decrease?  
  
Has your understanding of His love changed over time? Has the way He shows you His love changed over time? Why do you think this may be true?
2. Read Psalm 136 in a few translations. What is the repeat in these verses? Why do you think Psalmist chooses to repeat this phrase?  
  
As you read the Psalm, other than the repeated phrase, what stands out to you? Many of you will recognize the other phrases points to things God did to and for the nation of Israel. So, the Psalm is a chant on how God's love has been seen in events through Israel's history.  
  
If you were to write your story of how God's love has been seen in your life, what would it sound like? Go ahead, take a moment or two to jot down a few things that point to the way God has shown you He loves you.
3. How could our world benefit from taking some time to recall the ways they have seen God demonstrate His love to them? What difference would it make in the way they view life? In the way they view each other? In the way they view current events?
4. 1 John 4:18 states, that "perfect love casts out (or drives out) fear." What does this mean? How does love being perfected in our lives make any difference to the way we process things that my introduce fear into our lives?
5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder.
  - a. Why must we be careful to know God in all His attributes as revealed in His Word? What errors may result if we don't?
  - b. Why is it essential to have a biblical definition of love? What problems may ensue if we lack such a definition?
  - c. Is it necessary to like everyone you love? How do these two qualities relate to one another?

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- I. By the **Price that's Paid** to Love
- II. By how **Little we Deserve** Their Actions
- III. By the **Benefits we Receive** through Their Act
- IV. By the **Freedom** they have in **Choosing** to Love or Not

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### What will YOU do with HIS Love?

- I. Will you **Accept** His Love?
- II. Will you **Choose** to Grow in His Love?
- III. Will you Allow His Love to **Overtake You**?

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