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Pear God,
Thank you for the baby brother,
but what I asked for was a
puppy. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up!
—Joyce

Pear Mr. God,
I wish you would not make it so
easy for people to come apart.
I had to have 3 stitches and a
shot. —Janet

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Pear God, I read the Bible. What does beget mean? Nobody will tell me. Love, Alison

Pear God,
I bet it's very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it!

—Nancy

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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.

1 JOHN 4:7-11

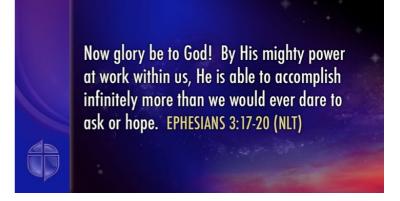
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## I. The Wonder of God's Love

And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in Him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love really is.

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May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

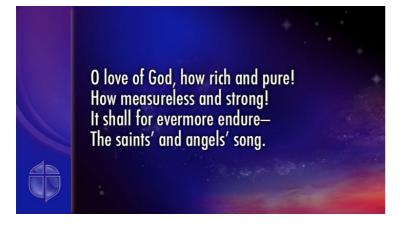


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The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell,
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win:
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin.

Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky.

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### II. The Character of God's Love

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Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

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For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; . . . ROMANS 1:18-19, 26-29

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#### III. The Power of God's Love

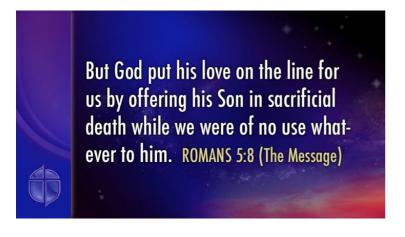
You Can Know God Personally

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## You Can Love Others Freely

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1 JOHN 4:7, 11

You Can Trust God Completely

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There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us. 1 JOHN 4:18-19

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**ROMANS 8:38-39** 

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# You Can Serve God Joyfully

## You Can Share God's Love Confidently

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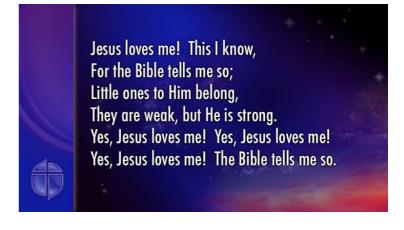
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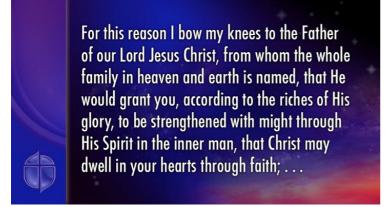
# For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. ROMANS 6:23 THE CURSE IS LOESHEVER

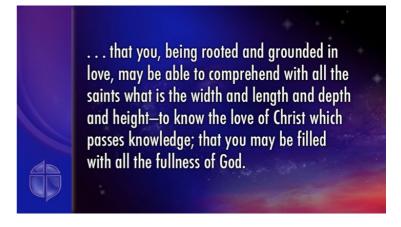
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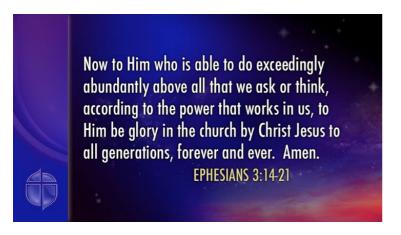


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