



## Longing for Love

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**What does the human heart most long for?**

Galatians 5:22-23

*<sup>21</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control.*

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**All You Need is Love!**

**Our longing for love is satisfied first and fully in knowing the God who loves us!**

**God's love for you is [sacrificial!](#)**

**The sacrificial love of God...**

John 15:13

*<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

John 3:16

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 3:16

<sup>16</sup> This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

God's love for you is [never ending!](#)

**The eternal love of God...**

Jeremiah 31:3

<sup>3</sup> "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."

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**The eternal love of God...**

Romans 8:35-36, 38-39

<sup>35</sup> Who shall **separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>37</sup> As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to **separate us from the love of God** that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God's love for you is personal!

**God takes you personally!**

Psalm 139:1-4 & 13

<sup>1</sup> *You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.*

<sup>2</sup> *You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.*

<sup>3</sup> *You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.*

<sup>4</sup> *Before a word is on my tongue  
you, Lord, know it completely.*

<sup>13</sup> *For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

**Love others with sacrificial surrender**

Look at John 13 and Jesus' call to us!

1 John 3:16-18

<sup>16</sup> *This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

**Love others when it is inconvenient, costly, and even painful!**

**Love the people in your life as the unique people God has made them.**