

***(Despite all of the things going on in this world today one truth still exists. God Loves You)***

One of the most difficult things to accept yet one of the most glorious things to remember is that God loves us just as we are. Our natural tendency is to please and strive to deserve something. It might be wealth, love, career, or prestige that we need to achieve in order to feel accepted. God's love, however, can never be earned through our own effort. There is absolutely nothing we can do to make God love us any more than He already does.

No matter where you have come from or where you have been. No matter what your past dictates or the way you feel right now, God's love has already been freely given to you. God did not begin to love you today. He did not begin to love you the first time you stepped into a church or had done something right. The simple fact is that God never began to love you, without exception He always has. That is the nature of God, His love never wavers, and it's always exactly the same, never changing, for ever and ever. From the foundations of the world, God knew you and loved you.

Could God love you less? Many of us have had this fear at one point or another. The problem with that thinking is that it is not what Scripture says. Remember God does not change and He loves us no matter what we may do. Trust me He already knew about our sins way before we committed them. God is not our enemy...we were His, you see we were the ones who were wrong, but because of His love for us, He made us right.

It is impossible to make God love us any more or any less and our good works cannot impress Him into loving us more than He already does. His love remains constant and never changing. Examine this verse, it clearly shows the love of God and His mercy towards us. ***But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*** (Romans 5:8)

Many people do not feel worthy to go to God and ask Him to become a part of their lives. They feel unworthy and think they must clean up their act before making a commitment. Well if God had to wait for us to clean up our act before we became acceptable to Him, let's just thank God He is eternal because He would be waiting a long time.

The reality is that you can never improve yourself enough to stand in the presence of Almighty God. So God, despite our condition, reached down and pulled us out of a bottomless pit into His presence through His Son Jesus Christ. God really does love us *just as we are*. It is not our job to clean ourselves up in order to accept God's gift of salvation. It is God who reaches down to us in our fallen condition and lifts us up to Him.

It is important to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that if we have accepted Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior, then we have been forgiven of all our sin-past, present, and future. As human beings our natural tendency is to boast about the things in life we are most proud of and it is okay to pat ourselves on the back every now and then especially, when we have done a good job at something. What we can never take credit for however; is the truth that those of us who believe in Jesus Christ can only boast about what He has done sacrificially for us.

He has done everything in His power to bring us to Him, love us and accept us *just as we are*. We can never be free until we begin to realize God's enormous love for us. Let no one ever tell you differently.