

Got LOVE?

Loving GOD

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And so **faith, hope, love** abide

Faith — conviction & belief respecting man's relation to God & divine things;

Hope — joyful & confident expectation of eternal salvation;

Love — true affection for God & man, growing out of God's love for & in us, these three; but the greatest of these is **love**.

1 Corinthians 13:13 (Amp)

Experiencing Real Love...in Response to God's love

1 John 4:9-10 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 For the love of Christ controls and urges and impels us, because we are of the opinion and conviction that [if] One died for all, then all died; And He died for all, so that all those who live might live no longer to and for themselves, but to and for Him Who died and was raised again for their sake. (Amp)

Jesus Calls Us to...Love God Above All Else

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Revelation 3:15-17 "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.

To Love God...is to OBEY his Teaching

John 14:23-24 Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me.

Joshua 22:5 But be very careful to obey all the commands and the instructions...Love the LORD your God, walk in all his ways, obey his commands, hold firmly to him, and serve him with all your heart and all your soul."

Motivated by Love...Enjoy His Presence

Romans 13:13-14 Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

John 15:9-11 "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

Are you in love with Jesus

Or

Just what he can do for you?