

LOVER OF MY SOUL

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Ephesians 3:17b-19

“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

There is no such power on earth as great as the gift of Love. It is from Love that our lives derive a unique sense of purpose, value, and meaning. It is beautiful and dynamic and mysterious and wonderful, and though you cannot see, feel, or touch it, you know it is there. Love transcends time and space, and has an inexplicable way of piercing through the hardest of hearts and reaching the innermost parts of the soul. Love nourishes. Love heals. Love strengthens. Love protects. Love never fails. In fact, the Bible reveals that God is Love (1 John 4:8).

As famous psychologist Abraham Maslow found in his 1943 “Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs” theory, humans have an innate desire to feel loved, accepted, and needed. We want to belong, and in the absence of these elements can become increasingly vulnerable to loneliness, social anxiety and depression. In search of true love, humans can go to great lengths and often find themselves in a variety of compromising and even detrimental situations. While many people propose that sex, dating, or marriage are the “cures” for such ails, most find that even after those options are exhausted, they are still left with an unappeasable void.

The Word of God is so amazing in that it responds to nearly every human need, issue, and desire. Until very recently, I equated love with the amount of time spent with another individual, the degree of expressed affection, and spiritual and emotional intimacy. I thought that the litmus test for how much you loved someone lay in the depth of your feelings toward them. I have since learned that love is actually less of an emotion as it is a state of willingness. Willingness to sacrifice and serve.

One of the most pivotal scriptures in all the Bible is John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” This gospel goes on to reveal that “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13) In both instances, love is equated not with kisses or candy, but with remarkable acts of selflessness, sacrifice, and even death. This is the fierce and unconditional “Agape” form of love, which always seeks to benefit someone else— even at the cost of self. THAT is the kind of love Christ has for us.



This week’s scripture is remarkable in that it practically pleads with us to grasp the magnitude of Christ’s everlasting and unchanging love— the bedrock of our entire walk with the Him. Although often a challenge, He wants us to be absolutely certain and secure in the fact that He is immensely devoted to us and has our best interest at heart at all times. He is ALWAYS there for us and promises to never leave nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6). Unlike man, God cannot lie (Numbers 23:19), and once He has made a commitment of love to us, there is absolutely nothing and no one on earth that can separate us from that love (Romans 8:39).

In your daily journey through life, always remember that you have a God who loves you more than life itself— so much that He sacrificed His one and only Son to die just for you. As Jesus confides in John 12:47, He came not to condemn or judge you, but to save you— this is how extremely valuable you are to Him and His kingdom. In times of discouragement, doubt, loneliness, or fear, allow yourself to be healed by Him, cherishing the revelation that God is the most intimate lover your soul will ever know.

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