

SOMEONE WHO LOVES ME

Have you ever felt like nobody loved you? Sometimes, Bob feels that way when he does something wrong, or when there is nobody around to spend time with.



When Bob was younger, he trusted Jesus as His Savior. Now Bob knows that nothing could ever separate him from the love of God. The Bible is like God's love letter to you and to me. Because of God's love, we could be given the gift of eternal life with Him.



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Love here on earth is so different than God's love. God loves with agape (uh-gop-ay) love. That simply means his love is everlasting (**forever**) and unconditional (**nothing you do can change it**). People love mostly with phileo (fill-ay-oh) love. This kind of love is based upon actions and feelings which can change, and is more like a brotherly love. **Which kind of love is greater do you think is greater?** _____



Have you ever tried to cook something and then realized you did not know how much of an ingredient to measure and add to it? God's love is so great, and He offers so much that nobody can measure how much He loves you and me. God's love cannot end! Read Romans 8:35-39.

What is God according to 1 John 4:16?

A. Hateful B. Love C. Joyful

We loved God before He loved us. (Read 1 John 4:19.)

True False



God's love cannot be measured. Read Psalm 103:17. God's love is from "everlasting to..."?

- A. The moon and back
- B. Everlasting
- C. Forever
- D. Non-existent

God's love is like a circle. A circle keeps on going and going (there is no beginning or end)! Every time you see a circle, it can remind you His love is everlasting.

God showed His love to people in many ways. God created us in His own image. He healed many who were blind, disabled, or sick. He loves us even though we sin and make Him sad sometimes. The greatest act of love God ever showed mankind was when He left the beautiful and perfect Heaven in the form of a baby boy (named Jesus) to come be born in our sinful, dark world. Baby Jesus was born in a very lowly (humble) place...Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, was chosen by God to give birth to Jesus. The Holy Spirit caused Jesus to be put inside of Mary. After being born, He was placed into a manger (animal's water trough) for a bed.



His purpose for coming was to live a sinless life on earth, and then die a horrible death. God said "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." (Read Hebrews 9:22, Ephesians 5:2.) In the Old Testament, people shed the blood of animals to make sacrifices that could only cover their sins. Such demonstrations never could take away sins forever. Only Jesus' blood was pure and acceptable to God. He shed His blood for you and for me so that if we simply believe in Him, our sins would be washed away. Can you imagine how hard it would be to leave a perfect place like Heaven just to come to earth and die? He loved you enough to do that!



Jesus was nailed onto a cross made out of wood. People laughed at Him and said He was not truly God. They said He should show He is God by rescuing Himself from the cross. What they did not understand is that love held Jesus to that cross, not nails! Jesus is God. He could have come off the cross at anytime, but He was

willing to endure the cross for you (Romans 5:8. Hebrews 12:2, 1 John 4:9). No one forced Jesus to die for us. Did you know that Jesus loved so much, that He was willing to forgive a thief that was hanging on a cross close to His own? The sinful man had done nothing to earn God's love, but God freely gave it to him. Now that sinner is Heaven, because God in love made him clean from his sin.

Read John 3:16. Because God loved the world so much, what did He do?

- A. Said that nobody will go to hell
- B. Said He'd love us as long as we do good
- C. Gave His only to die for us
- D. Let us discover how to make rockets to orbit earth

Jesus' blood can only cover sins, not take them away forever. True False



Did Jesus die because He had to die, or because He wanted to show His love? Explain your answer.

Salvation is a free gift. Likewise, God's love is free. Doing good things cannot make God love you more than He already does. However, because God showed His love to us, we should want to show Him our love in return. We should also want to demonstrate (show) His love to others. If you are truly thankful that God loves you, you will want to live a life that pleases God and do what He says to do (1 John 5:2).

Write two ways you can show your love to someone else.

Write one way you can show God you love Him. _____
