

God Is Love: 9-22-2024

A few disclaimers:

- 1). God is not ONLY love.
- 2). God is Love, does not give us a license to sin.
- 3). This is for Christians.

1 John 4:8 (NIV) *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

1 John 4:16 (NIV) *God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.*

1 John 3:16 (NIV) *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.*

5 Reasons to believe in God's Love:

Reason #1: God is for us.

Romans 8:31 (NIV) *What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

Reason #2: God promised He will give us what we need.

32 *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?*

Reason #3: God proved His love through justification.

33 *Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.*

1 John 3:16 (NIV) *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.*

Colossians 2: 14 (NIV) *Having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.*

Reason #4: We are not Condemned

34 *Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*

Romans 8:1 (NIV) *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.*

1 Timothy 2:5 (NIV) *For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all people.*

Reason #5: Nothing will ever separate us from His love.

35 *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

38 *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 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.*

