

Unfailing Love

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*How priceless is your unfailing love!
Both high and low among men find
refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:7*

Do you ever think about how much God loves you? We often hear that “God is love.” But have you really thought about what God’s love looks like?

Because of our sinful nature, our love is affected by our moods and emotions. We sometimes put conditions on our love or try to manipulate those we love out of selfishness. Our love fails when we try to use it for our own benefit. Our love definitely falls short of perfection.

For much of my life, I felt God’s love for me was based on my behavior. I thought that if I stopped sinning so much He would love me more. As a result of my view of God’s love, I became trapped in a vicious cycle of trying to please Him through my actions. But no matter how good my behavior was, I never felt worthy of God’s love.

My view of God’s love was wrong. While it is true that I will never be “good enough” to earn God’s love, the amazing thing is, God loves me anyway and sees me as worthy of His love because of Christ’s righteousness.

God’s love is not like human love. It is not based on our behavior or our love for Him. His love is perfect. It is not tainted by sin. It is not conditional. It is not affected by moods or emotions. It is not used to manipulate. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a gives us a great example of what perfect love looks like. *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.* God’s love is unfailing!

When I became a parent, I gained a new perspective on love. Until that time, I didn’t know it was possible to love someone so much that I would be willing to do anything for them, including sacrifice food, sleep, time, and even my life if it was needed. It gave me a small glimpse of what God’s love must be like. *God demonstrated his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us* - Romans 5:8. God willingly sacrificed the life of His only Son, Jesus Christ, because He loved us so much. He didn’t say, “IF you will put your trust in Me, I will send Jesus to atone for your sins.” He sent Jesus to die for our sins knowing that the majority of people would reject Him. That is love so amazing, it is beyond our comprehension!

No matter where you are today in your relationship with God, and no matter what sins you have committed in your past, God loves you with His perfect love. He desires a deeper relationship with you. He longs for you to love Him with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength. Will you accept His unfailing love for you and love Him in return?

It is my prayer that you will accept God's love and discover for yourself that His love is better than life. *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.* Ephesians 3:17b-19

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