



How do I know God loves me?

This is a question that many people have although they have not said it out loud. The word shows us how to determine or know that God loves us. The love of God for us is second to none, however as many of us hear of it, we do not know where to start or even ascertain this love He has for us.

The number one way you know that God loves you is through His death on the cross. One thing that God did was to uniquely demonstrate His love. The best acid test to know that God loves you (us) is not your circumstances. Your circumstances are not reliable and are not the basis to know the love of God. They are up and down. They are constantly changing.

Even more, you should not look at your emotions to determine or perceive if God loves you. This is the mistake that many people make. God's love for you is not based on an emotion, but on the fact of His Word. There is proof (His death on the cross for you) that He loves you.

You have to look at the cross to know the love of God for you. I John 3:18 tells us not love in word but in actions (deeds). Talk is cheap. Jesus did not just say, "I love you", but He demonstrated it by dying on the cross for you. He did not just talk. Jesus was not like a "all talk no action politician." He put actions to what He said.

The cross demonstrates that the LORD loves us and because He died for us. We see His love for us through His death for us. He died because He loved us.

If you have not seen a good thing in your life to prove to you that God loves you, look at the cross. Look at His—death, burial, and resurrection. He died for you and I and if He did not love you, He would not have died. The cross is the best place to look as start to know and see the love the God for you. **The debt we each owed Jesus paid in Blood (His own life) and infinitely more than we owed.**

① Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- a) This verse reveals that God loved us and died for us when we were still sinners. While at our worst, before we ever did anything good, never prayed, served Him or gave to Him, God demonstrated the greatest love ever known to all mankind by taking our place and dying on the cross for our sins. Because He loved us, He died for us.

② 1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

- a) Do you want to perceive the love of God for you? This passage tells you how. Because Jesus laid down His life for you and died for you, it is one way to perceive His love for you. I do not doubt the love one has for me if they will die for me. This is the greatest display of one's love for another (John 15:13).

③ 1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

- a) Many people look at love from the perspective of their love for the Lord. But we need to look at love from the other way around. The love of God for us is the best definition of love and He put action to it by sending His Only son laid down His life and dying for us. We know that God loved us by looking at His death on the cross to be the propitiation or our sins—not His.

④ Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

- a) How did Christ love us? By giving Himself for us as an offering and sacrifice to God. Christ loved us and went on to die for us. If He never did, He would not have gone to the cross. The cross tells a story of the love of God for us all.

Much more

Romans 5:9-10 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

- a) If God loved you as a sinner to die for you, much more now that you are His child. Now that you have become His child and responded to His love for you, He loves you even more. Much more now is His love for you, not less. What a deal! Thank you, Lord

No matter what you have been through or are going through, you need to settle this in your heart that they Lord loves you. He has proved it to you. He wants to be a part of our life to lead you, love you and guide you even more. Do not allow the challenges of this life stop you from experiencing and enjoying the love of God for you. God loves you and He is for you, not against you.

Romans 8:31-33 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.