

I am grateful to our heavenly Father for the beauty of nature and providing for my needs.

Circle: Yes Undecided

I praise God for His pure and righteous character. I am filled with love as I come to realize the mercy, long-suffering and compassion that He has shown me in the gift of His dear Son.

Circle: Yes Undecided

I am thankful to Jesus who came to this earth and showed His love by healing the sick, giving sight to the

blind, and comforting the broken hearted.

Circle: Yes Undecided

I am thankful Jesus gave me the opportunity to be set free from the bondage of sin by the precious gift of His sinless life.

Circle: Yes Undecided

It is my desire to spend more time in the Word of God so that I may better understand His will. I want to show my love for Him by living my life to bring honor and glory to His name.

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God's Love For Us - 1

(1) HOW DOES GOD SHOW HIS WONDERFUL LOVE?

Psalms 145:15,16

In the beauty of things around us we are shown God's wonderful love. Our Father in heaven is the One who gives us life. He helps us to make good decisions, and He is the way to find joy. Look at the beautiful gifts in nature. Think of the marvelous ways He has provided for the needs and happiness

of all living creatures. He has given sunshine and rain to brighten and refresh the earth. In the hills, the seas, and the plains we can clearly see our Creator's love. It is God who provides the daily needs of His creatures.

(2) IN WHAT MANNER DOES THE BIBLE DESCRIBE GOD?

1 John 4:16

In the beginning God made man perfectly holy and happy. He created the earth with no sign of decay or death.

It was the breaking of God’s law, based on love, that has brought us misery and death. But even in the middle of suffering that comes from sin, God’s love is very clear. Psalms 104.

In Genesis 3:17 is recorded the curse to the ground that was caused by the choice of sin and given by God for our good. The thorns and stickers are like the difficulties and trials which make our life hard. These are allowed for our good as a part of the training needed, according to God’s plan, to help repair the damage that sin has caused. Even though the world has suffered the results of sin, God’s love can be seen in the flowers among the thistles, and with the roses among the thorns.

“God is love” is shown on the bud of every flower that opens and on every blade of grass that grows. You can tell that God cares for us and wants to make us happy by hearing the lovely birds sing, by smelling the sweet scent of flowers in the air, and seeing the tall, beautiful trees in the forests.

(3) WHAT IS THE CHARACTER OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER?

Micah 7:18

In the holy Scriptures we can find out what God is like. He tells us of His unending love and mercy. When Moses prayed, “Show me Thy glory,” He answered, “I will make all My goodness pass before thee.” Exodus 33:18,19; Jonah 4:2.

God draws our hearts to Him by blessings which cannot be numbered. He seeks to show Himself to us through nature, and by the deepest and most tender ties that our hearts can know. But even all these fail to show the whole picture of His love.

(4) WHAT WILL RESULT IF WE BELIEVE SATAN’S FALSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GOD’S CHARACTER?

Micah 7:17

Satan works hard to blind our minds from seeing our blessings and even though we receive them, many of us look at God in fear and think He is strict and unforgiving. Satan has deceived many into thinking that God’s main goal is to punish them. He wants everyone to believe God is a severe judge who operates like a mean merciless creditor. The devil wants us to picture our Creator as always watching closely for any mistake we may make so He can punish us. Jesus came to live here with us on earth to do away with these false beliefs and reveal the immeasurable love of God.

(5) AFTER SIN, HAS ANY MAN SEEN GOD THE FATHER?

John 1:18

(6) HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT THE FATHER IS LIKE?

Matthew 11:27

by My sacrifice, God can be just, and yet the Justifier of him who believes in Jesus.”

No one else but the Son of God could have redeemed fallen man because only He who was so close to the Father could have shown Him to us. Only Jesus who knew the height and depth of the love of God could fully reveal Him. There is nothing less than this infinite sacrifice made by Jesus for us that could show the Father’s love to the people lost in this world. “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son.” He sent Him not only to live among us, to bear our sins, and die in our place, He gave Him to our fallen race. Christ came to identify Himself with the interests and needs of those who live on this earth.

(13) WHAT IS JESUS NOT ASHAMED TO CALL US?

Hebrews 2:11

He who was one with God has linked Himself with us by ties that are never to be broken. Jesus is not ashamed to call us brethren. He is our Sacrifice, our Defender, our Brother, taking our human form before the Father’s throne. Through eternal ages He will be a part of the race He has redeemed. He is the Son of Man. He did all this so that we might be uplifted from the damage and shame of sin. He did it so that we might reflect the love of God, and share the joy of holiness.

(14) WHAT GREAT HONOR HAS THE FATHER BESTOWED UPON US?

1 John 3:1

The immeasurable sacrifice of our heavenly Father in giving His Son to die was the price paid for saving us. This should give us greater understanding of what we may become through Christ. As John saw the great height and depth of the Father’s love toward the dying race, he was filled with adoration and reverence. He could not even find the words to express the greatness and tenderness of God’s love so he said, “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.” What value this gives us! By sin, we come under the control of Satan, but by faith in the saving sacrifice of Jesus, we may become the children of God. By taking on human nature, Christ lifts us up. We as fallen men are placed where, through connection with Christ, we may truly become worthy of the name “sons of God.”

There is no greater love than our Father’s invitation to become His children. What a precious promise! This is the theme for the deepest thoughts. The matchless love of God for a world that did not love Him! The thought has a captivating power upon the heart, and brings the mind under control of the will of God. The more we study His divine character and how it is involved with the cross, the more we see mercy, tenderness, and forgiveness mixed with fairness and justice. The more clearly we will know the countless signs of a love that is without end. His tender pity goes beyond a mother’s longing concern for her child that has gone astray.