

"CREATED FOR LOVE"

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GOD IS LOVE AND HE CREATED EVERYTHING FOR LOVE.

1 John 4:7-8 *Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. (NRSV)*

Rev. 4:11 *"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." (KJV)*

1 Tim. 4:4 *Everything God made is good. (NCV)*

GOD CREATED US FOR A LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM AND WITH EACH OTHER.

Psalms 8:3-6 *When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained; what is man that You take thought of him, and the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than God, and You crown him with glory and majesty! You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet. (NASB)*

Matt. 22:37-40 *He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (NRSV)*

1 John 3:23 *And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. (NRSV)*

UNBELIEF OF GOD'S LOVE CAUSED OUR ESTRANGEMENT FROM GOD'S FAMILY.

Rom. 5:12 *When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. (NLT)*

ALTHOUGH WE WERE SEPARATED FROM GOD BY SIN, GOD'S LOVE AND PURPOSE FOR US NEVER CHANGED.

Eph. 1:4-5 *He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will. (NASB)*

Rom. 8:29-30 *For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many*

brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. (NASB)

Rev. 21:3 *I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. (NLT)*

Jer. 31:3 *"I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness." (NASB)*

God's Lens of Love: God still sees us through His eyes of eternal love and He treats us according to His view of us.

Rom. 5:8 *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (NASB)*

WE FIND OUR WAY BACK TO GOD WHEN WE DISCOVER AND BELIEVE CHRIST'S REVELATION THAT HE IS LOVE.

1 John 4:9-10 *God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (NRSV)*

2 Cor. 4:4 *The devil who rules this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe. They cannot see the light of the Good News – the Good News about the glory of Christ, who is exactly like God. (NCV)*

Satan's Lens of Lies: Satan has lied and deceived us into believing a distorted picture of God and we treat God according to this view.

John 17:3 *And this is the way to have eternal life – to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. (NLT)*

John 3:16-17 *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (NRSV)*

Rom. 2:4 *Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? (NASB)*

1 John 4:18 *Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. (NLT)*