

# EMBRACE GOD <sup>AND</sup> IMPACT OTHERS

## Love Notes To Seniors And Shut-Ins From The Word Of God

### God Loves Us – Always Has, Always Will!

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There are many verses that demonstrate God's love. We can see His tenderness in Old and New Testament alike. David and other psalmists were particularly articulate regarding God's love. Just look at **Psalm 139**.

God confined Himself to human skin in order to redeem us (see **Philippians 2:5-11**). He entered our world as a baby born to an unassuming family in a very humble way (He spent His first night in an animals' feeding trough). Jesus grew up like any child would. During His public ministry, He often associated with society's outcasts. He stopped for the sick. He healed. He listened to people. He blessed the children. He also taught us about God's love. **Luke 13:34** records Jesus crying, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!" This speaks God's heart desire that people would return to Him. He longs for us. Not to punish us, but to love us.

Perhaps the greatest picture of God's love is Jesus' passion and crucifixion. Paul reminds us, "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (**Romans 5:6-8**). Jesus' work on the cross was a clear, unmistakable declaration of love. And this love is unconditional. We were in our worst state when Christ died for us. "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins ... But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace that you have been saved" (**Ephesians 2:1, 4-5**).

This salvation has made true life possible. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy," Jesus said. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (**John 10:10**). God is not stingy. He wants to lavish His love on us. "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death," Paul proclaims in **Romans 8:1-2**.

Remember, Paul was formerly an enemy of Christ. He vehemently persecuted Christians. He lived by the letter of the law rather than through an understanding of God's love. Paul, if he even thought of God's love, probably felt that God could not love

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him apart from rule-following. Yet, in Christ, he found God's grace and accepted God's love. One of his greatest articulations of God's love is this: "If God is for us, who can be against us? 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? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? . . . No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 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" (**Romans 8:31-32, 35-39**).

**Yes, God loves you! Always Has, Always Will.  
It's the Truth, Now Embrace It!**

**And Impact Others . . .**

**I expect to pass through this world but once. Therefore, if there be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do to any fellow human being, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I will not pass this way again. —Marcus Aurelius**