



GOD LOVES YOU BUT DO YOU LOVE GOD?

Love is an inward and outward expression of passionate affection, care, tenderness, strong liking, friendship and devotion to and for another. See how much God loves us in Jer. 31:3, it reads, "the Lord appeared of old unto me saying, yea, I have loved thee with an EVERLASTING LOVE: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee (to myself).

Jn. 3:16 also states; For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Again 1st John 3:1 states: Behold, what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the "Sons of God".

One more time, Romans 5:8 reads; But God commended His love towards us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. You see by His love, He made provision for pardon and forgiveness of our sins and died on the cross for our salvation.

We can see from the above scriptures that God's love for us is unconditional, priceless, sacrificial, limitless, total and eternal. Beloved, "God loves you" that is why He made you in his own image and likeness, giving you self-will, wisdom, inspiration, power and authority over all other creation, to control and dominate them and most importantly, an opportunity to become His child and a citizen of His Kingdom.

But the question is: DO YOU LOVE GOD TOO? Here is how to determine whether or not you do love God.

Matt. 22:37; "Jesus said unto him, thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy mind. Do you love Him this much? 1st John 5:3; declares, for this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments and His commandments are not grievous.

In Psalms 97:10; the scripture says; ye that love the Lord, hate evil. Jesus Christ ask a question in John 21:15; do you love me more than all these things?

To confidently say I love God in God's acceptable standard, means you must love him more than yourself, more than friends, more than relationship, more than pleasure, more than ambition and every other consideration. It means He is first and foremost in your heart and mind, soul, and body, it also implies that He means more to you and more important than all others.

Total Obedience to His commandments is another indisputable prove that you love God. It means also that you are willing and ready to obey God at all time and at all cost following His words and instructions. John 14:15, 21-24.

Loving God also demands that we hate evil i.e. everything contrary to the will and ways of God as found in the word of God. It demands that we love what God loves and hate what God hates, Psl. 45:7 says God loves righteousness and hate wickedness, evil, lawlessness. It means that we live our life to please God all the time and to show His love to others, that we should love the truth which is the word of God more than our

tradition, custom, religion, superstition, education and imaginations. John 14: 15, 21—24;

To love God also means, we love God's kingdom as demanded by the scripture, repent from our sin and turn away from our sinful ways to God's righteousness. You cannot love God and evil at the same time. Just as no one can live in darkness and light simultaneously. You must choose who you serve. God or satan, the choice you make determines who you love and serve. If you choose to obey God's word, you have chosen to disobey satan, but if you chose to disobey God by continuing in sin, that's a choice to obey satan. The price for this is a terrifying perpetual suffering and punishment in hell fire; matt.5:22; Matt. 25: 41, Mark 9:42-48 and Rev. 20: 10-15; beloved, God loves you and want you to love Him too so that you may dwell with Him in His kingdom. That's why He gave us the power in Christ Jesus to become His sons & daughter (John. 1:12)

Those that don't love God, the scripture says they will be: lovers of self, lovers of money, lovers of pleasure (entertainment, sports, eating, drinking, immorality etc) instead of lovers of God. 2nd Timothy 3: 1—5; and lovers of the world instead of God. 1st John. 2: 15-17.

Loving God requires that we live for God and not for self-pleasure and glory. Married couples that loves themselves truly know that they need to trust themselves, cherish one another, be close to one another, please each other and be in one accord. Now may I ask you again, do you truly love God? God loves you dearly; the only thing God hate in us is sin, ungodliness and all forms of disobedience to Him, His word, and His will. If you love God you must turn away from sin accept and live by His WORD, Jesus Christ.

Are you still living in sin? See what the word of God says; 1st Jn. 3:8; He that lives in sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning (i.e. He originated sin by rebelling against God). For this purpose the Son (word) of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Finally, see 1 Jn. 2:15-17; it says, love not the world, (i.e. the

system, value, interest, conduct, style and ways of the world.) If anyone love the world, the love of the father (God) is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the father, but is of the world v. 17 concludes, and the world passes away and the lust there-of: but he that doeth the will of God abides forever. If you are ready for God, He is ready for you, He wants to forgive you, pardon, cleans and erase all record of sin against you only if you are ready to repent from your sin and accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour. No sin is too much or too great for His Love, mercy, grace, pardon and forgiveness. This is the LOVE OF GOD.

Friend, you'll lose everything if you do not love God truly and acceptably but if you love Him, you'll gain both today and all through eternity even as God promised in Psalm 91:14-16 saying, because he hath set his LOVE UPON ME, therefore will I deliver him, I will set him (you) on high because he have known my name and I will answer him, I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him, with long-life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation. Beloved, God is LOVE and if you know Him as love and truly love Him; He will show you His salvation. Amen. Please read 1st John chapter 3 and 4; book of John chapter 3, chapter. 14 and 1 Corinthians chapter 13. God bless you.

Pray with me, "Dear loving God, touch my heart and help me to love you truly, Lord Jesus, take over my heart and fill it with your love, your word and your spirit. Amen.

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