

## **God's Love!**

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*"<sup>16</sup> I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit. <sup>17</sup> And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. <sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. <sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God. <sup>20</sup> Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope. <sup>21</sup> May he be given glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever through endless ages." Amen.*

Ephesians 3:16-21

### **God loves you so much...**

#### **1. HE CREATED THE WORLD!**

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1*

*<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5*

#### **2. HE GAVE YOU LIFE!**

*"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10*

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10*

*<sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered." Matthew 10:30*

#### **3. HE GAVE YOU GRACE!**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16*

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8*

<sup>33</sup> He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." <sup>35</sup> Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." <sup>37</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?"  
Mark 14:33-37

#### 4. HE GAVE YOU HEAVEN!

<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."  
John 14:2-3

"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life."  
1 John 5:13

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,"  
Romans 8:1

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."  
John 5:24

"for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

<sup>9</sup> However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"-- 1 Corinthians 2:9

**How will you respond to God's love? Will you love him back by.....**

Talking to Him?	Praying every day!
Listening to Him?	Reading his Word!
Worshipping Him?	Coming to church every week!
Serving Him?	Weekly God job!
Having fellowship with other Christians?	Small group!

#### **Action Step:**

**As you journey to Easter, make time to take in God's love and to love him back by praying and studying His word, and serving and enjoying fellowship with other believers.**

