

*I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;
With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.*

Psalm 86:1

to know this love that surpasses knowledge

Ephesians 3:19

God is Love 1 John 4:8,16

Ephesians 3:14-19

God's best for you – spiritual maturity

Experience God's love in everyday life

Power to grasp God's love

Prayer

Knowing God's Love

Toward Understanding God's Love

- A workable definition of God's love.
- A necessary balance in God's love.
- A biblical understanding of God's love.

Knowing God's Love

1. You should begin with a workable definition of God's love.
 - It is God's spontaneous or self originating determination.
 - It is God's giving or sharing of himself.
 - It is God's acting with interest for the benefit of those loved.

2. You should maintain a necessary balance in God's love.

- God is light – God has no darkness in him at all. 1 John 1:5

- God chastens towards holiness those he loves. Heb.12:6-11

- His love expresses his holiness and seeks the holiness of the beloved.

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3. You should be humbled by a biblical understanding of God's love.

God's peculiar & primary love.

John 17:24

The love of the Father for the Son and the Son for the Father.

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God's providential love.

Psalm 145:8-9,13, 17

The love God has for all that he has made.

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God's love for sinners.

John 3:16

The love God has for the world expressed in a pleading for sinners to believe.

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God's elective love.

Eph. 1:4-6

The love God has for those he sets his affection on in a particular, effective and redemptive way.

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God's conditional love.

Exod. 20:6

The love of God for his people on condition of obedience.

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Take Aways

Acknowledge with gratitude and obedience God's deep love for you.

Ask someone to pray for you to have power to understand and experience God's love.

Turn from self-love to receive God's love as offered in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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