

## God the Son died for me

*"...the greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives for their friends."*

*John 15:13 (NLT)*

*"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 5:7-8 (NIV)*

## God the Holy Spirit lives in me

*"Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you-guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us."*

*2 Timothy 1:14 (NIV)*

## I will better grasp his love for myself when I share it with others

*"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ."*

*Philemon 6 (NIV)*

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**"...pray for one another..." James 5:16**

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## "The Great III" Faith – Hope – Love

*"In this life we have three great lasting qualities - faith, hope and love..."*  
*1 Corinthians 13:13 (JB Phillips)*

## Grasping the Love of God

*"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."*  
*1 John 4:16-17 (NIV)*

*"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how **wide** and **long** and **high** and **deep** is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."*

*Ephesians 3:16-19 (NIV)*

## Grasping the Love of God

### I. Grasp how wide His love is: It is unmerited, unconditional, and wide enough to include everyone.

*"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 (NIV)*

### II. Grasp how long His love is: It is unending and lasts forever!

*"...I have loved you with an everlasting love..."*

*Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)*

### III. Grasp how high His love is: There is nowhere I could go where God's love isn't there also.

*"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

*Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)*

### IV. Grasp how deep His love is: It is deep enough to meet all my needs.

*"The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms..."*

*Deuteronomy 33:27 (NIV)*

### How much does God love me?

God the Father loves me with a love that is personal & passionate

*"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!..."*

*1 John 3:1 (NIV)*

- He rejoices over me

*"The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."*

*Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV)*

- He thinks about me constantly

*"How precious it is, Lord, to realize that you are thinking about me constantly! I can't even count how many times a day your thoughts turn toward me. And when I waken in the morning, you are still thinking of me!"*

*Psalms 139:17 (TLB)*