

The Father's Love

A. A love that brings holiness and wholeness. Eph. 1:3-6

How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

B. A love that fills our hearts. Romans 5:5 NLT

And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

C. A love that follows us all the days of our lives. Psalms 23:6 NIV

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

D. It is an abiding love. 1 John 4:16 AMP

16 We have come to know [by personal observation and experience], and have believed [with deep, consistent faith] the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides continually in him.

E. It is a love that honours us. Isaiah 43:4 NCV

Because you are precious to me, because I give you honor and love you, I will give other people in your place; I will give other nations to save your life.

F. It is a lavish love. 1 John 3:1 NIV

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

G. It is a priceless love. Psalms 36:7

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

H. It is a love that calms our fears. Zephaniah 3:17

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.

I. A love that is inseparable. Romans 8:38-39 38

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 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.