

I. Introduction and review. The wonder of the love of God.

II. Why does God love you? v. 6-8

- A. God's love has absolutely nothing to do with any worthiness in us.
1. We cannot understand the depth of God's love unless we understand the depth of our depravity. Luke 7:36-50
 2. We were ungodly. v. 6b 4:5 1:18
 3. We were sinners. v. 8 3:23
 4. We were God's enemies. v. 10 Js. 4:4
 5. We were spiritually helpless. v. 6a 3:10-11 8:7 I Co. 2:14 John 3:3,5 6:44
- B. God's love is unlike any human love. v. 7
1. While we love based upon the merits of the beloved, the love of God is a sovereign love which is not based upon any merit on our part.
 2. While occasionally people may make sacrifices for those they deem worthy, God made the ultimate sacrifice for the unworthy. Mt. 5:46
 3. You cannot experience God's love until you admit your guilt.

III. How much does God love you? v. 6-8

- A. Love is demonstrated by action. John 15:13
- B. God's love for us is demonstrated in the death of Christ. v. 6,8
1. The love of God was expressed at just the right time. v. 6b Ga. 4:4 Mark 1:15
 2. God the Father gave His Son. v. 8a 8:32 Jo. 3:16 I Jo. 4:9-10
 3. Christ willingly died in our place. v. 6b, 8b Ga. 2:20 3:13 Jo. 15:13 10:15,17-18 I Jo. 3:16 Mt. 20:28 26:28

IV. How secure are you in God's love? v. 9-10

- A. God's love for us will never end.
1. Is there anything which could cause God to stop loving us?
 2. There is no security if God's love for me depends upon my love for Him.
 3. God's love guarantees your final and everlasting salvation.
 4. If our status, as helpless ungodly sinners who are His enemies, did not stop God from loving us, nothing can stop Him from completing our salvation. 8:30,32-34
- B. Because God has already done the greater thing in having justified us, He will surely save us from the wrath of God's final judgment. v. 9
1. God has declared us righteous based upon the merit of the blood of Christ. Heb. 9:24-26 10:11-12
 2. Therefore we shall surely be saved from wrath in the last day. 2:5 I Th. 1:10 5:9
- C. Because God has already done the greater thing in reconciling us to Himself, surely He will save us in the risen living Christ. v. 10 II Co. 5:18-21
1. Reconciliation has taken place by means of the death of Christ. Col. 1:21-22
 2. Therefore we shall surely be saved by the risen living Christ. John 14:19
 - a. He reigns at the Father's right and intercedes for His people. 8:33-34 Heb. 7:25 I Co. 15:25 Heb. 2:10 Rev. 1:18
 - b. We are united to His life. 6:3f Col. 3:3-4

V. Concluding applications. v. 11

- A. God has given us solid grounds for believing He loves us.**
- B. God's love teaches us sound doctrine.**
 - 1. The exclusive source of our salvation is the sovereign love of God.**
 - 2. Our salvation is secure because it rests upon His love, not ours. Jo. 10:28 Phi. 1:6**
 - 3. All those for whom Christ died are reconciled to God. 8:32**
- C. God's love stimulates worship. v. 11 Ps. 34:1-2 Lu. 1:46-47**
 - 1. Are you exulting in God?**
 - 2. Worship is the greatest possible human joy.**
 - 3. The miserable Christian is guilty of unbelief. Phil. 4:4f**
- D. God's love moves us to love others as He has loved us. I Jo. 3:16 Eph. 5:25 Mt. 5:44**
- E. God's love compels faith.**

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Discussion questions for family worship

- 1. Why did God love us?**
- 2. How much did God love us?**
- 3. How is God's love unlike any human love?**
- 4. How can we be sure God will keep loving us forever?**
- 5. Is there anything we can do to cause God to stop loving us?**
- 6. What are some important doctrinal implications of God's love?**
- 7. What should be our response to God's love?**
 - A. In relation to God**
 - B. In relation to one another**