

Can I Trust God's Love?

If I thought God could love me *more*, I would not *trust* him.

The fact is, I *don't* trust God when I think he doesn't love me enough. If he did love me enough, why would he not answer my sincere and earnest prayers? Why would he allow certain unwelcome things to happen in my life? Why wouldn't he take better care of me?

If I believe God's love is changeable, adjustable, conditional or discriminatory, then I *will* question his commitment to me. I may not be doing this consciously, but I *am* doing it. My *insecure* relationship with him proves it.

But when God seems to be answering all my prayers, does that mean he loves me *enough*? When nothing bad happens to me, does that mean the Lord's love has increased? When I am satisfied with God's care, does that mean that only *then* his love is at the 100 percent level? In other words, does the quality and intensity of his love depend on my opinion of it?

Can my heavenly father love me less than 100%? Can God *withhold* his love from me? Is God like some parents whose love for their children is conditional and who even tell their children that God will not love them if they misbehave?

How much does God love me *right now*? Do I think he loves me a bit less because I have done something wrong? Do I think he loves me a lot because I have done something good? What would make me think he doesn't love me *at all*? And what would make me think he loves me excessively?

God's love is so different from human love that it's hard to compare them.

Here are ten amazing truths about the Lord's love:

One. To love us was *his* idea. *He* initiated love toward us. He loved us when we were sinners.

Two. He loves us because he *is* love. He made us...to love us.

Three. We are his people, his children. God loves his Son and he loves his sons and daughters in Christ. We are not his daughters- and sons-in-law; we are his daughters- and sons-in-love, in grace.

Four. We are Christ's beloved...eternal Bride.

Five. The Lord *proved* his love to us by dying for us. He paid the ultimate sacrifice. He laid down his life for us. *That's* how much he loves us.

Six. God is *faithful*; you can count on his constant, consistent, complete love.

Seven. Nothing and no one can separate us from God's love.

Eight. Nothing we *do* can *change* his love for us. Remember the prodigal son. Yes, we can disappoint, hurt and grieve God, but he doesn't stop loving us with an

indiscriminate, unalterable love.

Nine. He has made a never-ending commitment to us. He will love us through the end of time and throughout eternity.

And Ten. The love of Christ surpasses human knowledge. It is humanly indescribable. It is incredible! We ought never to stop being amazed at God's love and, in return, love him with our whole being. ◇◇◇