

What Evidence Have You that God Loves You?

Hebrews 10:5-8

Have you often wondered how you can know that you know that God loves you? What is the evidence that the invisible Creator of the world is head-over-heels in love with you? Some point to blessings like good health, a great job, a wonderful family—and while those may be blessings, they are no evidence of God's love. Others may say that it is impossible to know, but the Apostle Paul prays *“that you might know the love of God that surpasses knowledge”* (Ephesians 3:19). Do you wish to know God's love?

I. The will of God the Father reveals for you His love.

Hebrews shows God as “just and the justifier of the one who believes in Jesus Christ” (Romans 3:26). The sacrifices, festivals, and feasts of the Old Testament were inadequate copies of the real thing. *“Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but a body you have prepared for Me”* (v. 5 cp. Ps. 40:6). God the Father set His love and affection on you. God the Father loved you, not because there was anything in you to love, but because He is love. It was necessary for Him to come and shed His blood. *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him...”*

II. The work of God the Son reveals for you His love.

“Then I said, ‘Behold I have come (In the scroll of the book it is written of Me) to do Your will’ (v. 7). Jesus did not begin in Bethlehem. He is the omniscient, all-powerful Creator God. He came to the world that He created. The Father *prepared* a body for the eternal Son and *God came* to earth. The angel said, “You will call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21). We have seen Christ in the sacrifices of the Old Testament, but Christ is in the OT festivals as well. Jesus died at **Passover** (Lev. 23:4-5), He swept away His people's sins in the tomb during the **Feast of Unleavened Bread** (Lev. 23:6-8), and He rose on the Feast of the Sheaf of Firstfruits (Lev. 23: 9-14). He sent His Spirit to reside in His people at the Festival of Weeks (**Pentecost**: Lev. 23:15-22). He came the first time at the **Festival of Tabernacles** (Lev. 23:33-44), and He will come again during the **Festival of Trumpets** when God and His people will have a forever **At-one-ment** (Lev. 23:26-32).

III. The wrestling of God the Spirit with you reveals His love.

God the Father loved you. God the Son redeemed you. God the Spirit regenerates you. Those whom the Father loves are those whom the Father miraculously changes from the inside out. What are distinguishing evidences of a work of the Spirit of God whereby we know God loves us?

- A. Faith that Jesus is God in human flesh and the Savior of sinners by His death signal God's love.

*“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, **God dwells in him**, and he in God”* (I Jn. 4:15).
- B. Fighting against the encouragement and establishment of sin *in your life* evidences His love.

*“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world: if any man love the world, **the love of the Father is not in him**”* (I John 2:15). The world is defined by John in the next verse.
- C. A high regard for Scripture and a desire to know it more and better evidences God's love.

“Every text is a dart to torment the old serpent. He has felt the stinging smart thousands of times; therefore he is engaged against the Bible and to keep you from it” (Jonathan Edwards).
- D. An increasing love for God and man is a sure sign that God's love rests on you.

“By this will all know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another” (Jn. 13:35).
- E. The willingness to forgive others in the same manner God has forgiven you.

“If you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive you your sins” (Matthew 6:15).

Next time you begin to doubt the love of God, look to the work of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.