

I am beloved.

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Memory verse: 1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

In Christ I am . . .

1. Beloved	(Romans 1:7)	15. Transformed	(2 Cor. 5:17)
2. Forgiven	(Hebrews 10:17)	16. Free	(Galatians 5:1)
3. Adopted	(Ephesians 1:5)	17. Blessed	(Ephesians 1:3)
4. Chosen	(John 15:16)	18. Treasured	(Malachi 3:17)
5. Holy	(Ephesians 1:4)	19. Saved	(Ephesians 2:8)
6. Righteous	(Romans 3:22)	20. Redeemed	(1 Peter 1:18)
7. Eternal	(John 3:16)	21. Whole	(Colossians 2:10)
8. Victorious	(1 Cor. 15:57)	22. Empowered	(Acts 1:8)
9. Clean	(1 Cor. 6:11)	23. A saint	(1 Corinthians 1:2)
10. Pure	(Titus 1:5)	24. Secure	(Romans 8:38-39)
11. Strong	(2 Cor. 12:10)	25. Called	(Romans 8:30)
12. Royal	(1 Peter 2:9)	26. Gifted	(1 Corinthians 12:7)
13. Conqueror	(Romans 8:21)	27. Rich	(Ephesians 1:18)
14. New	(1 Peter 1:23)		

“The Christian life is fundamentally a response to being loved.”

1. God loves me as his creation.

- *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. -Ephesians 2:10*
- *God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. -Genesis 1:31a*
- *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. -Psalm 139:13-14*

God is not surprised or embarrassed by my weaknesses and imperfections.

I do not have to be something I am not to have value and beauty.

2. God loves me as his redeemed.

- *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. -Romans 5:8*
- *who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. -Titus 2:14*
- *Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. -Acts 20:28*

God has seen my absolute worst, and he has loved me.

My brokenness is not a shame for me to hide, but a grace for God to display.

3. God loves me as his beloved.

- *The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. - Zephaniah 3:17*
- *As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you. -Isaiah 62:5*
- *Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. -Revelation 19:7*

God does not tolerate me, He delights in me.

4. God loves me as his child.

- *Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— -John 1:12*
- *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! -1 John 3:1a*

- *The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” -Romans 8:15*

God chose me to be a beloved member of the family.

5. God gives me Spirit so that I may know how much he loves me.

- *And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. -Romans 5:5*
- *Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” -Galatians 4:6*
- *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. -Romans 8:16*

In God’s love I am known.
 In God’s love I have a home.
 In God’s love I am safe.
 In God’s love I am wanted.
 In God’s love I am cherished.
 In God’s love I am provided for.

A prayer to grasp God’s love

I pray that out of [your] glorious riches [you] may strengthen _____ with power through [your] Spirit in _____ inner being, so that Christ may dwell in _____ heart through faith. And I pray that _____, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that _____ may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. -Ephesians 3:16-19

“The doctrine of the Trinity is a working out of what the New Testament means when it says that God is love. It tells us that God is love within his own three-personed self, and he is love toward us.” - Fleming Rutledge

“The Christian faith is a religion of love because it teaches that the God of love has, paradoxically perhaps, embraced humanity in love before the foundation of the world, before there was anything to embrace, so that the embrace of love is the reason for creating.” -Miroslav Volf

“Believe God’s love and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your rock is Christ, and it is not the rock that ebbs and flows but the sea.” -Samuel Rutherford

“Measure not God’s love and favour by your own feeling. The sun shines as clearly in the darkest day as it does in the brightest. The difference is not in the sun, but in some clouds which hinder the manifestation of the light thereof.” -Richard Sibbes

“God’s unfailing love for us is an objective fact affirmed over and over in the Scriptures. It is true whether we believe it or not. Our doubts do not destroy God’s love, nor does our faith create it. It originates in the very nature of God, who is love, and it flows to us through our union with His beloved Son.” Jerry Bridges

“Legalism says God will love us if we change. The gospel says God will change us because He loves us.” -Tullian Tchividjian

“The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us.” -C.S. Lewis

“The greatest honor we can give Almighty God is to live gladly because of the knowledge of his love.” Julian of Norwich

“Sociologists have a theory of the looking-glass self: you become what the most important person in your life (wife, father, boss, etc.) thinks you are. How would my life change if I truly believed the Bible’s astounding words about God’s love for me, if I looked in the mirror and saw what God sees?” - Philip Yancey

“Too many of us try to live so that he will love us, rather than living because he has already loved us.” - Lloyd John Ogilvie

“Love alone makes heavy burdens light and bears in equal balance things pleasing and displeasing. Love bears a heavy burden and does not feel it, and love makes bitter things tasteful and sweet.” Thomas a Kempis