

Why Should We Love God?

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Why do we need to love God? As an eternal, all-sufficient and sovereign being, He does not need our love. In fact, whether we love Him or not does not change the fact that He is God, nor does it diminish His power. Loving Him isn't for His benefit, but rather for ours—that we might realize that we can only find true happiness in Him.

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God designed and made us.

Genesis 1:26 says, "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...'" Not only were we created in our Creator's image, we were created to enjoy intimacy and fellowship with Him. In fact, He is the only reason for our existence. Likewise, He also enjoys our company and fellowship. This is evidenced in Genesis 3:9, where God actively sought out Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden after they had sinned and hidden from Him.

God is interested in us.

He knows our struggles. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'" God knows everything about us, from our deepest desires to our best-kept secrets; and yet, He continues to

not only be interested in us, but also to love us unconditionally and consistently.

God wants to bless us, and He gave all.

3 John 1:2 says, “Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.” This is the complete blessing that God is giving us – He wants us to be prosperous in all things. This includes giving us a way to receive the greatest blessing of fellowship with Him. Because of our entanglement in sin, we aren’t supposed to be able to commune with Him freely, but because He loves us, He chose to give us everything in the form of His only son, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:8 says, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” This is His greatest act of love for us.

God commands us to love Him.

The Bible commands us to love Matthew 22:37–38 says, “And He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment.” Loving God with our entire being means demonstrating our love as exclusive to Him and Him alone, and loving Him in spite of our circumstances; that means that whether we are in need or experiencing blessing, and in every decision that we make, we need to show that we love God. It must be the foundation of our Christian life.

Discussion Questions:

- How would you describe God's love for you on a personal level? Share some specific examples.
- Why do you think it's important to love God?
- Do you love God? Give some evidence of your love for Him.