

Our Father, the Creator of the Universe, IS LOVE!

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Our Father, the Creator of the Universe, **IS LOVE!** We all know that John 3:16 tells us how much He loves each of us...*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

Is it easy to love? I know that "in the flesh" love is predicated many times on how we feel, how others treat us, how we look, how we act, what we do, if others accept/like us, and/or if others hurt us. One day someone may say, "I love you" and they truly mean it; however, if unexpected things happen, that 'love' changes and they are no longer 'in love' with us. It is hard for us as flesh beings (without the Spirit of God, who is Love, living in us) to truly love others unconditionally. To love unconditionally means that **no matter what happens, no matter what you did, no matter how you treat me...I still love YOU.**

Did God find it easy to love me? When I was doing my own thing, living the way I wanted to live, not interested in my Creator, **how and why** did God love me? **How** was He able to love me so unconditionally knowing that I was rejecting Him? Knowing that I would make many mistakes? Knowing that I cannot make it on my own even though I try? **Why** did He choose to love **me of all people**? There are days I don't like myself...how can He like me, let alone love me, in the state I am in?

The reasons God **can and does** love us right where we are, are many:

- 1) God made **us** in His image. (Genesis 1:26) He is LOVE and made us to love just like He does. We are to mimic Him in loving.
- 2) God knew us **before** he formed us in the belly. (Jeremiah 1:5)
- 3) God has a personal interest in each of us. He has predestinated us to be **His child** through adoption that He planned before we were born! (Ephesians 1:5 and John 1:12-13)

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4) He sees **great potential** in us to become the vessel He designed. His Hope—to see Christ in YOU! (Colossians 1:27) He knows you have the ability to allow the anointing to flow through you to others; just like Jesus did. Remember it is the anointing that breaks the yokes of sin, discouragement, bondage, poverty, and sickness in the lives of people.

5) God desires **worshippers** and created each of us to be a worshiper of HIM! God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24) The 'real you' is a **spirit**—remember, you were made in His image.

Because we are made in God's image or His likeness, we will have the attributes of God, **if** we allow them to develop in us! The only way we can truly love like God loves ... **and rest assured we can!** ... is for us to live like God! God is a spirit and lives in the 'spirit realm.' **We must live in the spirit,** like God does if we are going to have His attributes.

Okay, we have talked about this numerous times; but I believe God **really, really, really** want us to **get it! We must** die to the flesh man: die to 'our ways' of thinking, 'our ways' of doing things, 'our' personal goals and plans. **We must** totally yield to God's way of thinking, God's way of doing things, God's goals and plans for our personal lives. This, in a nut shell, is the only way we will truly "live in the spirit." Do I really have to totally yield to God? No, you don't have to, but then you don't have to live in the spirit or experience all that God has for you either. It is entirely up to you.

God loves no matter what happens, no matter what people do, no matter how people treat Him: **God still loves!** There is nothing anyone can do about it...God loves them even if they don't want Him to love them. We will know we are living in the spirit when we can say the same thing: "I don't care what happens, I don't care what you did or what you do, I don't care how you treat me, **I still love you** and there is nothing you can do about it!"