

Everyone, But Not Me (The Challenge of Receiving God's Love)

God's love for us can be a very hard thing to understand. Maybe this is because so much of our experience on this earth teaches us that we must earn love, fight to keep it, and it can be fickle. Because of these experiences, it does not seem to make sense that God would offer His love to us no matter what we have done or how we have offended Him. I know I have thought things like: "God can't love me when I keep failing Him all the time," or "God doesn't smile when He thinks of me." These thoughts have kept me from enjoying and embracing my relationship with God, and that is why He had to teach me the truth about His love. Some of these truths can be hard for us to accept, but God longs for us to do just that!

God's love transforms lives, and this is the story of how it has changed mine.

God's love can not be _____, only _____.
Ephesians 1:4-5

God's love does not _____.
John 10:11, 27-29; 2 Timothy 2:13

God's love is our _____ . Seek it out!
Psalm 13; 1 John 4:10-11

What is hindering you from fully embracing God's love?

Are you willing to give that over to Jesus today?

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