

*“As the Father hath Loved me, so have I Loved you: **Continue Ye In My Love**. If ye keep (obey) My Commandments, ye shall abide in My Love; even as I have kept my Father's Commandments, and abide in His Love.” **John 15:9-10 KJV***

If you had the power to do anything you wanted, wouldn't you? Of course, you would! But sadly, we often find ourselves powerless even against our own desires! God didn't have to forgive or redeem man, but He did, so how do we continue in God's Love? *“If ye keep My Commandments”* There is a difference between being loved and being IN love. Being in love requires mutual affection and care. While we could never ever love



God as much as He Loves us, we can apply our whole heart to loving Him back! Yes, you may think you love God, but are you IN LOVE with God? Do you remember your first crush? We all do. Remember when you first found out someone liked you? Suddenly you noticed them. But did you continue? If so, you are one in a million. Most of us left our first love, because life got in the way. Do you remember when you first loved God? Has life gotten between you and God? *“We love Him, because He first Loved us.”*

Loving my God until the end,
Because He forgave all my sin,
My heart is His, my life His own,
For His shed Blood my sin atoned! –CGP

Walking with God is simply loving and obeying His Word. A lover is hurt when they cannot please their beloved. Godly sorrow is that hurt which leads us to change our ways or repent as soon as we realize we have displeased God. Remember the soul ache which brought you to God at the first? Repentance is quite simply the return to obedience of God's Word for the same reason and with the same feeling you had at the first. I must admit, I often think I may not be IN love with God enough after all He has done for me, and the worst part? I find my heart cold towards my Beloved Lord mainly through inattentiveness more than anything else! How about you? Is God your Beloved? Is His Word a treasured locket about your neck?

*“Let NOT Mercy and Truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with All thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In ALL THY WAYS (thoughts) acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” **Proverbs 3:3-6 KJV***