

*"We love Him, because He FIRST Loved us." 1 John 4:19 KJV*



Remember the time someone knowingly whispered, “I think they like you”? You were instantly intrigued! Remember your first love; how the whole universe revolved around them? You had a compelling desire to be with them in a secret place; to be constantly near them! We respond to love because God created us to respond to it. It is a God-designed need; a vacuum in each soul which God alone can sufficiently fill, yet we incessantly use sex, food, money, possessions, and yes, service to God, to satisfy what can only be filled by God Himself! Battered spouses stay in life threatening relationships, because the need to love and be loved is stronger than life itself. Why do jilted lovers commit suicide? God created us to desire love more than anything, and has furthermore insisted with His Word and actions, that His Love for us is transcendently everlasting! His Love for us is pure and undefiled by ulterior motives. *“In Hope of Eternal Life, which God, that cannot lie, promised BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN.”* He loved us before we were even born! He knew each of us from eternity past. *“And [Christ] is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And we know that ALL things (even evil) work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His Purpose. For whom He did FOREKNOW, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brethren.”* God’s Love is infinite! He can fully Love us collectively AND individually! *“Jesus, the Author AND Finisher of our faith, who for the Joy (us with Him forever) that was set before Him, endured the cross.”* He desires to be closely intimate with each believer. *“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters.”* Why else would His written Word have survived countless attempts to destroy it? God preserves His Word to *“EVERY generation.”* He wants you to know He loves and cares for you more than you could ever comprehend! *“Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Yet, we reject Him daily, trying to fill the void meant for Him alone with “things!”

*Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. ~Frederick Lehman*

Men refuse to love Him who *“FIRST Loved us.”* He is preparing *“a Place”* for believers which will stagger our souls with its beauty! We’ll never find a safer place, a more loving relationship, or a truer more loyal friend than Jesus Christ! *“Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me hide myself in Thee!”*

*“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?  
Romans 8:31-32 KJV*