The Love of God

Some accuse God of being on an ego trip—“Believe in Me and praise Me or die, you maggot!” To the contrary, God’s holy motivation in all that He does is love. **Trust in the love of God. Consider—**

**1. The Great Gift of His Love—**His Son

A. Who has the *life* of the Father

John 5:26

B. Who has the *Spirit* of the Father

John 3:34

C. Who has the *love* of the Father

John 3:35

**2. The Objects of His Love**

A. “The world” includes all *classes* of people

B. “The world” includes all *individuals*

C. “The world” is *God-hating* humanity

John 7:7; 12:31; 15:18-19; 1 John 2:15-17; 5:4-5, 19

**3. The Payback for His Love**

A. Not our *praise or service*

Job 22:1-2; 35:1-7; Psalm 50:7-15; Acts 17:24-25

B. The out-pouring of His *love*

Ephesians 2:4-7

**4. Those Who Despise His Love**—They

A. Reject *light, truth, and goodness*

B. Receive what they *love*

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. Passages on God’s special love for His children—to encourage your hearts

Romans 8:31-39

Ephesians 2:1-7

1 John 3:1

Jeremiah 31:3

Deuteronomy 10:14-15

3. Passages on God’s general love and kindness to all humanity—to stimulate your evangelism and social concern

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

Ezekiel 33:11

Matthew 5:43-48

1 Timothy 2:3-4

Titus 2:4-7

2 Peter 3:9

4. “Only begotten Son” (John 3:16) means that this Son, and only He, has the divine life and essence of the Father (John 5:26)—as a child receives his life and nature from his parents. “Unique Son” and “Only Son” (which most modern translations adopt) are, in my view, inadequate.