

## Does God Love Me?

A very personal question, does God love me? Does God care about me? Is God concerned about my welfare? Do I matter to God? Am I important to God? How can I know the answer to these questions?

There is only one way to know the answers to your question, you **must have faith in the Word of God! The Holy Bible!** Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. “The Word” is God’s proof of His love.

### **John 3:16-17**

16 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.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

We must believe in his name “Jesus.”

### **John 10:7-15**

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.**

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Jesus said, I am the Good Shepherd, the good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep! Does God love me? These scriptures prove God’s love for us. Sheep are harmless, vulnerable and defenseless.

### **John 15: 7-17**

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

If you abide in me, as the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you, continue ye in my love. (Isn't this a beautiful scripture?) Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends. Jesus said, But I have called you friends!

**Church, Jesus died for us! Truly God has proven his love for us!**

There is a cost. In God's love we are persecuted by the world.

### **John 15:18-20**

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

If we suffer with Christ, we shall also reign with him! You know the world hated Jesus before it hated you. All that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution!

## **II Timothy 3:12**

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

## **I Peter 2:20-25**

20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Here unto were we called! **Christ suffered for us!**

An example: to follow in his steps!

Does God love me? Who his own self bare our sins in his own body, Jesus the shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Do **I love God?** You must answer this question for yourself!