

Beholding the God of Love

“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?...Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

Romans 8:31-32,37

Most of us do not have trouble seeing that God is powerful; we just aren't sure that He loves us!

No man can have a genuinely God-taught contentment about his life who has not seen the love of God for him.

A. The Essence of God's Love (What is it?)

1. Love is a subset of God's goodness.

a. That God is good means that God is excellent.

At the core of every temptation is the unbelief that God is not good enough to me.

b. That God is good means that God is benevolent.

Psalms 145: 1-3, 9, 15-16; 33:1-5; 107:1-2, 8, 15, 21, 31, 42-43

2. God's love is His personal _____ to a rational _____ of His benevolence by giving Himself for the _____ good of that creature. Love is a _____ choice to meet the genuine needs of another.

3. We must meditate upon these truths and argue ourselves back to _____. We start on The Way Down when we

_____ to ourselves when we should be _____ to ourselves.

B. The _____ of God's Love (How vast is it?)

1. You cannot do anything that will cause Him to love you _____.
2. You cannot do anything that will cause Him to love you _____.

C. The _____ of God's Love (How do I know He loves me?)

The most notable expression of God's goodness is _____.

D. The _____ of God's Love (What difference does it make?)

1. Banishes our _____ (Matthew 6:24-34, I John 4:16-18)
2. _____ us to love others (I John 4:7-11)
3. Makes us _____ and _____ (II Corinthians 5:14-15)
4. _____ true worship (Revelation 5:9-14)

Conclusion: My soul can _____ because God's love is more than enough for me.