

No Greater Love

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¹²“**This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.**”

¹³“**Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.**”

¹⁴“**You are My friends if you do what I command you.**”

One of the most intense expressions of human love is the protective instinct parents have toward their children. There is little most moms and dads wouldn't do for a baby. If a truck posed a threat to the little one, it wouldn't surprise us if they jumped in front of the moving vehicle without a second thought.

Wouldn't you like to be cared for with this kind of intensity? You are. In fact, the Lord's love toward you is far deeper and more secure than that of even the most caring, tuned-in human parent. And what God did for us is proof. [Romans 5:8](#) says that while we were living in disobedience, He sent His Only Son to die on the cross for us.

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⁸“**But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**”

Think about a father giving up his child for people who choose to rebel against him. What a tremendous sacrifice! Jesus' death took the place of the punishment that we deserved. If we accept this gift and decide to follow God, He no longer sees us as guilty. Rather, He justifies us, makes us righteous, and changes our ultimate destiny: Instead of facing everlasting separation from Him, we will enjoy His presence eternally. What's more, almighty God adopts us as His children forever. Our heavenly Father guides, protects, and counsels us as we walk through life—and promises us that we are secure in Him eternally.

How incredible that the Creator of the universe would love you and me in this way! Do you know and experience the security and sweetness of His care? Gratitude and praise should flow from your heart. In turn, love others deeply out of thankfulness for the love that you have received.