# WHAT IS THE GREATEST LOVE?



What is the greatest love you have ever experienced? What is the greatest love you have ever expressed? Briefly, we'll examine the love of Jesus Christ, which is the greatest love that has ever or will ever exist. In fact, He is the personification of love, because **"God is love"** (1 JOHN 4:8).

## The Love of Jesus Christ is Unsurpassed

Perhaps, we all have different opinions about how to measure the greatness of love. Jesus Christ defined the greatest love in the following manner: **"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."** (JOHN 15:13 NKJV). So, the extent of the sacrifice that one makes for another is a demonstration of their love, therefore the greater the sacrifice, the greater the love. The greatest sacrifice a human being can make is to give their life. Laying down His life is precisely what Jesus Christ did when He willingly went to die on the cross for us.

## The Love of Jesus Christ is Unfathomable

Jesus Christ said that the greatest love is to lay down one's life for one's friends. But what about enemies? He also taught, **"Love your enemies"** (MATTHEW 5:44). In His Word, God says

that we are not only sinners (ROMANS 3:23), but that we made ourselves His enemies because of our sin (COLOSSIANS 1:21). Therefore, being sinners, Jesus Christ has no obligation to love us, but His decision to love us in spite of our sinful condition highlights how unfathomable and undeserved God's love is. **"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."** (ROMANS 5:7-8 NKJV). Only when we comprehend how sinful and unworthy we are, can we begin to understand and appreciate how great His love is for us.

## The Love of Jesus Christ is Unending

Sadly, sometimes in a relationship, love diminishes or disappears completely. Not so the love of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ's love is unchanging; it is everlasting. **"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ... For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God**

**which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"** (ROMANS 8:35, 38-39 NKJV). There is no one nor anything that can separate those who are saved from the love of their Saviour, Jesus Christ, because His love for them is unending and unalterable.

Therefore, the sinner's salvation does not depend on their love for God, but on the love of Jesus Christ for the sinner. This love of Christ is what led Him to die for our sins. He **"loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood"** (REVELATION 1:5 NKJV). Today, you can receive the forgiveness of your sins and begin to enjoy the greatest love ever known—Jesus Christ's—if you acknowledge your sins and trust in Him as your Saviour. Then you too can say, **"the Son of God… loved me, and gave Himself for me"** (GALATIANS 2:20).

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