

TRUSTING GOD

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Staff member of The Navigators beginning in 1955

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Knowing God's Love

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8:35, 37



Knowing God's Love

We can trust God's love because He loves us with a perfect and infinite love, which was demonstrated on Calvary. Because of our union with Christ, we are secure in that love.

Jerry Bridges, *Trusting God*, (NavPress, 1988, Colorado Springs, CO), 293

Knowing God's Love


Just as it is impossible in the very nature of God for Him to be anything but perfectly holy, so it is impossible for Him to be anything but perfectly good.

Because God is love, it is an essential part of His nature to be good and show mercy to His creatures.

Knowing God's Love

*He who does not love
does not know God,
for God is love.*

1 John 4:8



Knowing God's Love

There is no doubt that the most convincing evidence of God's love in all of Scripture is His giving His Son to die for our sins....Any time we are tempted to doubt God's love for us we should go back to the Cross. We should reason somewhat in this fashion: If God loved me enough to give His Son to die for me when I was His enemy, surely, He loved me enough to care for me now that I am His child.

Bridges, 293-294

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The infinite, measureless love of God is poured out upon us, not because of who we are or what we are, but because we are in Christ Jesus. It is very important that we grasp this crucial concept that God's love to us is in Christ. Just as God's love to His Son cannot change, so His love to us cannot change, because we are in union with the One He loves. God's love to us can no more waver than His love to His Son can waver. God does not look within us for a reason to love us. He loves us because we are in Christ Jesus.

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God cannot forsake us because we are His children, in blessed union with His Son. We cannot be cut off from His sight. But we can be cut off from the assurance of His love when we allow doubt and unbelief to gain a foothold in our hearts.

Bridges, 294



Knowing God's Love

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, 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 8:38-39





Frederick M. Lehman

1868-1953

Knowing God's Love

The Love of God

*The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled and pardoned from his sin.*

Refrain:

*Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—the saints' and angels' song.*

*Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.*

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The Love of God

*“For the LORD is good and his love
endures forever; his faithfulness
continues through all generations.”*

Psalm 100:5

*“For great is your love, reaching for the
heavens; your faithfulness reaches to
the skies.”*

Psalm 57:10




Knowing God's Love

*They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness,
and shall sing of Your righteousness.*

*The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and great in mercy.*

*The LORD is good to all,
and his tender mercies are over all His works
.....The LORD is righteous in all His works.*

Psalm 145: 7-9, 17



Knowing God's Love

Philip Hughes



Philip Hughes

1915-1990

Anglican clergyman and New Testament scholar

Born in Sydney, Australia in 1915

He received his BA, MA, and DLH degrees from the University of Cape Town, his BD degree from the University of London, and his Th.D. degree from the Australian College of Theology.

He taught at American seminaries, including Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia (1964-1968), Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA, and Trinity School of Ministry, Ambridge, PA.

He authored commentaries on the Second Epistle to the Corinthians, the Epistle to the Hebrews and the Book of Revelation.

*Considered his most significant work is *The True Image: The Origin and Destiny of Man in Christ**

*In doctrine, his great work is *The True Image: The Origin and Destiny of Man in Christ*, on the Christian doctrine of man.*

Hughes and his wife Margaret had one daughter, Marion. In his leisure time he enjoyed playing the piano.

He died in 1990 in Rydal, Pennsylvania.

Knowing God's Love


My own experience suggests that Satan attacks us far more in the area of God's love than either His sovereignty or His wisdom.

We cannot keep from being tempted, but if we are to honor God by trusting in Him, we must not allow such thoughts to lodge in our minds. As Philip Hughes again said, "To question the goodness of God is, in essence, to imply that man is more concerned about goodness than God is.... To suggest that man is kinder than God is to subvert the very nature of God.... It is to deny God; and this is precisely the thrust of the temptation to question the goodness of God."

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*He who did not spare His own Son,
but delivered Him up for us all,
how shall He not with Him also freely
give us all things?*

Romans 8:32



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GOD'S LOVE AT CALVARY

“There is no doubt that the most convincing evidence of God’s love in all Scripture is His giving His Son to die for our sins.”

This is how God showed his love for us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4: 9-10

Bridges, 133

GOD SHOWED HIS LOVE BY SENDING HIS SON

“If we want proof of God’s love for us, then we must look first at the Cross where God offered up His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. Calvary is the one objective, absolute, irrefutable proof of God’s love for us.”

One of the essential characteristics of love is the element of self-sacrifice, and this was demonstrated for us to its ultimate in God’s love at Calvary.”

Bridges, 133 & 134

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*For as far as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those that fear him.*

Psalm 103:11






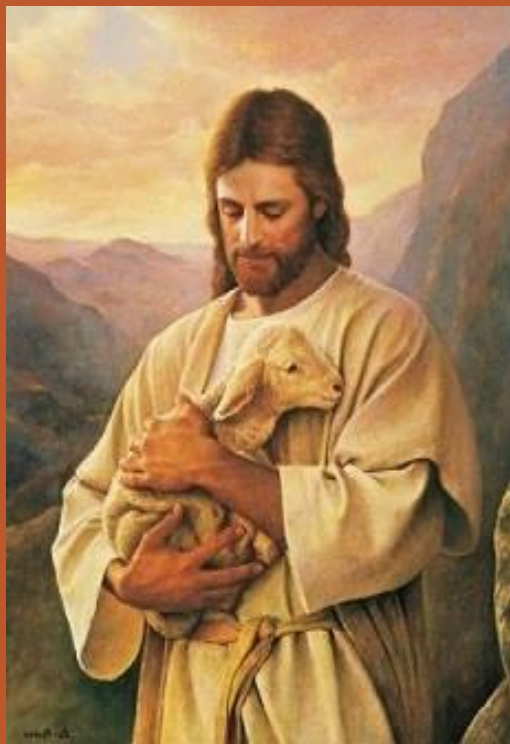


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Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39





Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.


Isaiah 40: 10-11

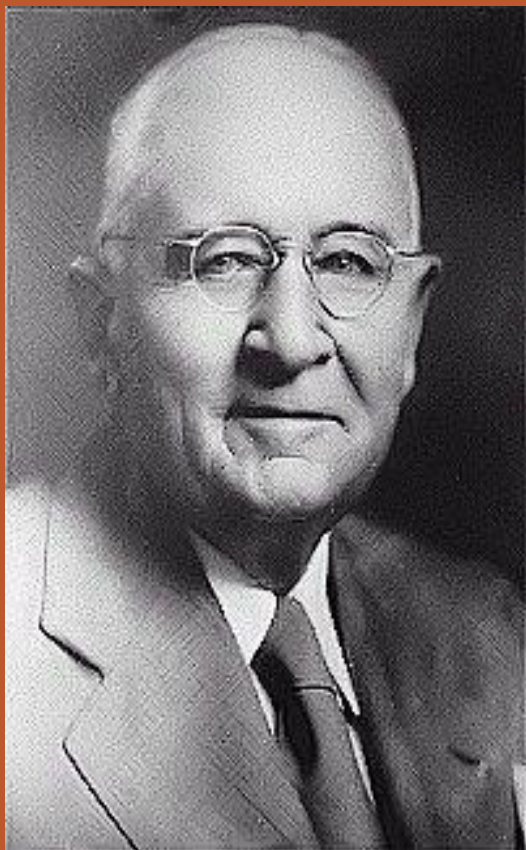
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*I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might sin against you*

Psalm 119:11





Ernest Orlando Sellers

Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart

*1 Thy Word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path always,
to guide and to save me from sin, and show me the heav'nly way.*

Refrain:

*Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee;
that I might not sin, that I might not sin, thy Word have I hid in my heart.*

*2 Forever, O Lord, is thy Word established and fixed on high;
thy faithfulness unto all men abideth forever nigh.*


*3 At morning, at noon, and at night I ever will give thee praise;
for thou art my portion, O Lord, and shall be through all my days!*

*4 Through him whom thy Word hath foretold, the Savior and Morning
Star, salvation and peace have been brought to those who have strayed
afar.*

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*I pray that you and all God's holy people
will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love –
how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is.*

Ephesians 3:18





Stuart Townend

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

by Stuart Townend

*How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.*

Knowing God's Love

“Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.”

Matthew 10:31

*“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns,
and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.
Are you not much more valuable than they?”*

Matthew 6:26





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Sparrows



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"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

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“HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW”

ETHEL WATERS

*Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart feel lonely?
And long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion
A constant friend is He
His eye is on the sparrow
For I know He watches me*

*I sing because I'm happy
I sing because I'm free
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Civilla Durfee Martin

1866 - 1948

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