

How To Overcome Guilt, Shame and Rejection
The Love Of God
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I. No Human Mind Can Comprehend God's Love

- A. Spirit of wisdom and revelation needed (Eph. 1:17)
- B. We cannot reason it out
- C. 1 John 4:16—And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who [dwells] in love [dwells] in God and God in him.

Have we known God's love?

If so, have we believed it?

II. Unfolding The Love Of God

- A. It is unconditional
 - 1. We cannot earn it
 - 2. We do not deserve it
- B. It is sovereign
- C. It is apprehended only by revelation—
We have known and believed the love that God has for us . . .
- D. The measure of God's love
 - 1. How we were when God first loved us (Rom. 5:6–10)
 - a. Still without strength (v. 6)
 - b. Ungodly (v. 6)
 - c. Sinners—failures (v. 8)
 - d. Enemies (v. 10)
 - 2. Eph. 2:4–7—Even when we were dead in trespasses:
 - a. He made us alive
 - b. He resurrected us
 - c. He enthroned us with Christ
 - 3. He is a Creator who reveals Himself to His creation
 - a. We are to be the eternal demonstration to the universe of God's grace (Eph. 1:5–6; 3:10)
 - b. Only fully displayed when it is totally undeserved (Rom. 11:6)
- E. Initiated solely by God (1 John 4:9–10)
Our lives are a response to God's love

III. The Place Of Love In The Christian Life

- A. Love one another (1 John 4:7)
 - 1. A decision
 - 2. Produced by the new birth (1 Peter 1:22–23)
- B. Many Christians have been “saved by a Stranger”
 - 1. They have never taken time to know the One who saved them
 - 2. If we do not love, we do not know God (1 John 4:8)
- C. Those who love Christ will share His sufferings with Him (Phil. 3:10)
- D. Rooted and grounded in love (Eph. 3:17–18)
 - 1. Otherwise we cannot comprehend the fullness of Christ
 - 2. *The* goal of our instruction: *Love* (1 Tim. 1:5–6)

- a. With a pure heart
- b. With a good conscience
- c. With sincere faith

IV. The Value Of Love (Song 8:6–7)

- A. Love is stronger than death
- B. Love is un-drownable
- C. You cannot buy love
- D. Love is eternal (1 Cor. 13:1–3)
- E. Love is administered only by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5)

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