

The Love of God

By Sister Alfreda Johnson Observation

The singer and songwriter, Tina Turner, asked the question — "What's love got to do with it?"

When I think about the love that God has shown and continues to show to us, love has everything to do with it.

God created the universe, and He has blessed us with everything that we need and so much more. He has provided us with the air that we breathe, water to drink, the sun that shines bright during the day, the moon and the stars that shines in the darkness and food for us to eat. As if that was not enough, He gave us Jesus!

The Bible tells us in John 3:16, "For God so love the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Whenever, I read this Scripture, my heart gets full and tears begin to form, because I know without a doubt that God loves us, and there is no greater love than that of God's love.

We serve a God whose love has no limits and is eternally unconditional. Isn't that a breath of fresh air? I love that God does not force us to accept Him. Instead, He gives us the will to pursue Him freely and then patiently waits until we are ready. Then, He meets us where we are with agape love.

God's love is kind and patient (1Cor 13:4-7), it gives us peace and joy, and for this, I am thankful.

Questions to Ponder

- 1. Most people when they get a new love interest, they can't wait to show them off to family and friends. How have you spoken to others about your love relationship with God?
- 2. How has being in love with God changed you and your relationship with others?

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Scripture Meditation

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

30 Day Gratitude Journal

Write about your love relationship with God.

30 Day Gratitude Challenge

Give a monetary Gift to a charity.

Prayer Concentration:

Pray a prayer for children of incarcerated parents.

Prayer of Gratitude

Lord we thank You for the gift of abundant life and eternal life. Thank You for having our best interest at the center of Your heart for this life, and the life to come. Let our abundant life be filled with abundant expressions of gratitude to You. In Jesus Name we pray, **amen.**