

LOVE

4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

JEREMIAH 31:3

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."

God told them, "I've never quit loving you and never will. Expect love, love, and more love!" (The Message by Eugene Peterson)

- 1) God's love is based on who He is, not my loveliness
- 2) God's love demands that He judge sin and evil
- 3) God's love sent Jesus to Bethlehem
- 4) God's love makes it possible for Him to forgive sinners without letting the guilty go free.
- 5) God's love changed places with us—"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18)
- 6) God's love is everlasting and unchangeable
- 7) T/F God will never love you more than He does today
*He loves you just the way you are today
But much, too much to let you stay that way
And when He's changed your life from what you were before
He still won't love you one bit more*
- 8) Why don't more people experience God's love?
" . . . but you were not willing" (Luke 13:34) and "you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you" (Luke 19:44).
- 9) **Repent** means to rethink your response to God's love and **believe** that Christ died for your sin and offers forgiveness.

⁸ *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8)*

Jesus Loves Me by Anna B. Warner (1860)

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
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The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.
3. Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee.

O Glorious Love by John W. Peterson (1970)

1. In my darkness Jesus found me;
Touched my eyes and made me see;
Broke sin's chains that long had bound me;
Gave me life and liberty!

CHORUS

Oh, glorious love of Christ my Lord divine,
That made Him stoop to save a soul like mine.
Through all my days, and then in heaven above,
My song will silence never,
I'll worship Him forever,
And praise Him for His glorious love.

2. Oh, amazing truth to ponder;
He whom angel hosts attend,
Lord of Heaven, God's Son, what wonder;
He became the sinner's friend!

The Love of God by Frederick Lehman (1923)

O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus by S. T. Francis (1875)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling by Charles Wesley (1747)