How great is our God – Rom. 5:8

**Focal Truth: God is love**

Do you know & believe the love God has for you no matter your spiritual condition?

Are you aware that God loves you?

Can you explain why God would love you?

How do you feel when you are loved?

**Observations**

1. **God demonstrates His love - 5:8**

 *God demonstrates His own love toward us…*

1. He loves in acts of sacrifice – John 3:16 – for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son
2. He loves in acts of mercy – Isa. 63:9 – in His love and mercy He redeemed them
3. He loves because He is love – 1 John 4:16 – we have come to know & believed the love which God has for us. God is love…
4. God has for all eternity had a desire & purpose of love for us.
5. **God loves sinners – 5:8**

 *In that while we were yet sinners…*

1. He loves sinners with loving – kindness – Isa. 63:7 – I shall make mention of the loving - kindnesses of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, & the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which HE has granted them according to His compassion & according to the abundance of His loving - kindnesses
2. He loves sinners with loving – goodness – Tit. 3:4 – when the goodness & lovingkindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us…
3. He loves sinners with loving – patience – Lam. 3:22 – the Lord’s loving - kindesses indeed never cease, His compassions never fail
4. He loves sinners with loving – graciousness – Ps 116:5 – gracious is the Lord and righteous, yes our God is compassionate
5. **The Lord Jesus died on the cross because he loves sinners – 5:8**

 *Christ died for us*

1. Rom. 5:6 for while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly
2. Eph. 5:2 just as Christ loved you & gave himself up for us an offering and sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma
3. Saved sinners who accept the love of God are reconciled to God! Rom. 5:11 – through whom we have now received the reconciliation

 **The Old Hymn says: Amazing love how can it be? That Thou my God wouldst die for me!**

**Things to Remember**

1. God’s eternal love is always the same
2. God loves to love sinners
3. The loved of God are the beloved of God
4. Those who know God’s love, love God most!
5. Life assurance grows from God’s love

 Rom. 8: 37 – through all things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us

**Daily Use**

1. Receive the love of God for you in Christ Jesus by faith
2. Return love to God – Love God with all your heart, soul, mind & strength
3. Rest in the love of God in all your circumstances
4. Rejoice in the love of God for you in all your days & ways

“If we would focus on God’s eternal tenderness & compassion, His thoughts of kindness toward us from eternity & His present graciousness & acceptance of us, we could not endure an hour of absence of Him!”