

## The Incredible Love of God

There is an incredible word that can be defined, but it really means, “that which cannot be adequately expressed.” That word is “*ineffable*.” Something which cannot be described. It is the superlative of superlatives. It does not mean “best” for that itself is a description. To say something is ineffable is to say that it is beyond the beyond, above the above, for those too, are describable. It is, what else can I say... above description. We might attempt some elaboration, but we cannot capture its essence with words, by the very definition.

We can grasp the basic concept, but we cannot fully describe nor explain it with words. Once that sinks in, let me say that the most *ineffable* thing I can imagine in my wildest dreams is **the love of God** for the people He has created. That indescribable love, that love beyond loves, that.. that ... the mind strains for a word until “*ineffable*” dominates the psyche’s landscape. Not merely the “incredible love of God,” but it is the totally and completely *ineffable* love of God toward us.

John taught us that, “we love Him because He first loved us.” (I John 4:19). And John quotes Jesus to teach us, “If you love me you will keep my commandments.” (John 14:15). Let’s reason together: If we love because He first love us – and if love for Jesus includes keeping His commandments, and Satan hates for us to keep His commandments, then he is most likely to focus on *trying to convince us that God does not love us!*

Get it? Satan tempts us to believe that God does not love us – so we will not love Him back, and then we won’t keep His commandments! What a tidy little plan Satan has. All he needs to do is to use our guilt, our hate, our lack of forgiveness, our grudges, our confusion, problems in our family of origin, or whatever else may work in an individual’s mind, to attempt to trick us into not loving God. “How can God love me after what I have done?” Satan forges the doubt into fear and hardness.

That often works! But that whole house of cards Satan builds has its foundation on one simple lie: “God does not love you.”

In reality, God’s love for you is the strongest and most profound (oh yes, and actually, ineffable) reality in the world. Most know John 3:16, but many still need to learn the indescribable love of God for us through the Holy Spirit’s guidance of Paul’s pen in Romans 8. In verse after verse God tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. Nothing. Nothing. Nothing. David commits adultery and murder – God still loves him. Peter denies Jesus three times in one night – Jesus still loves him. Paul murders Christians – God still loves him. Nothing, nothing, nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Never believe Satan’s lie! No matter what, God still loves you! The real question in life is simply, “Do you love Him?”

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