

Comprehending God's Love



God loves you and you know it – in your head. But take a look down deep in your center. Do you *feel* God's love? Most believers who are oppressed or struggling do not feel God's love. Sure, they believe God loves them but they don't get what that means. There are a lot of reasons behind this but today's focus is coming to terms with it. The goal is to come to the place of comprehending God's love and we'll work on this. But for now we are going to investigate how your soul perceives God and His love for you. And then we're going to repent for it.

Repent? Yes, anytime we operate in a fashion contrary to truth we repent, right? Well, if our soul doesn't believe God loves it (you), it therefore believes a lie and we need to repent for that.

The reason I'm targeting the soul in the matter is because I equate it with being our center, our depth, our belly, if you will. Perhaps even our subconscious. Remember, your mind (logic) is on board with the truth. But deep down in your soul you may be frightened, abandoned, rejected, dejected, insecure, inferior, etc. Your brain knows how to get with the program and adopt the truth that the God Who created you also loves you, no problem. But your soul, not so much. It's hiding in the corner a lot of the time, trembling or in worse case scenarios, is in the fetal position sucking its thumb. Oh, at the surface you may be a brave powerhouse.

You've learned how to discipline your soul and command it to not get in your way of living life. Then again, maybe you haven't. Either way, your soul is down there getting away with not believing in the amazing love of its Creator! And it's time your soul faces the truth – and repents. Repenting will bring the cleansing power of the Cross into your depths and will bring you out of unbelief and into comprehension of Father God's love.

Are you estranged with God? Do you feel like He's far away, out of reach? Do you believe He adores you? Do you comprehend His delight over you? Do you believe He has shed many tears over the things you've been through? Did you know He was standing there at your side all those times you wept over the pain?

If it's too difficult to picture everything I just said, then your soul does not believe God loves you – no matter how much your mind does.

Of course it's not your 'fault' that you came to this place of not believing God loves you. God knows who is behind it and how it happened. He's not angry at you for not believing He loves you. But even though you didn't mean it, unbelief is still a sin. So, simply repent. Take a moment right now to do so before reading the following verse. Confess your unbelief and ask Him to cleanse you of it by the Blood of the Lamb.

† The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you. He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

Now that you've repented, the veil that's been over your soul preventing you from comprehending God's love has been removed. Catch this! The blockage that has your heart feeling closed up or hard, that has you feeling numb and has kept your head knowledge from sinking down into your knowing center *has been removed!* The power of the Cross has removed it. Now you must meditate on the

scripture so that the reality and light of this truth will fill the dry places of your soul. Chew on it, speak it aloud, and devour this truth until you own it.

Be on the alert, though. The enemy will try to steal this from you. Over the course of this next season, the devil will arrange a situation or two (or ten!) that will make it look like God doesn't love you (or care, wants to help, is on your side). You will definitely feel hurt by the situation(s) and it will definitely APPEAR that God's missing in action. That's how it always goes. Don't be fooled by the charades like you've been all your life. Enough of that. You know better now.

When this happens, you must resist the devil. You must know Zephaniah 3:17 by heart and recite it to the devil. Tell him no matter how much it looks like God doesn't care, HE DOES. Do not listen to the demons. They are lying. God does love you. He does want you to come out on top!

You will face several opportunities to establish your resolve. The demons will work you hard but don't dismay. All you need is to own this scriptural truth. You will defeat them by believing the very Word of God and using it against them.

If you stumble and regress back into unbelief, Holy Spirit will tell you so. Be on the alert for His conviction. Pay attention and mind Him. If you recognize the slightest conviction, do not fret; simply confess and repent again. God is willing to forgive you 70 times 7. I promise.

You'll begin to see yourself get better about owning the truth, resisting the devil, and overcoming. Consider this next season a time of working out your new, right belief system. It won't necessarily happen overnight and that's okay. Just do your best to meditate upon and own the scriptural truths, resist the devil when things pop up, repent if you slip, and keep on keeping on. You will see your soul regenerated and suddenly you'll feel the love of God. You'll finally comprehend it and it will make your heart sing. You'll wake up with a smile on your face for knowing His sweetness. God's love will no longer be lost to you. You'll have a wonderful new spring in your step.

† *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: ‘For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **For I am convinced** that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:35-39.*

“Dear Heavenly Father, I confess my sin of unbelief. Father, please forgive me for not understanding your love. Father, Your Word assures me that You do love me but I have not believed it. Please forgive me for being in this place that contradicts Your truth. I’m sorry and I ask You to make this wrong thing right in me. Please go into my depths and root out every part of me that doubts Your love. Please convict me if I’m unwittingly operating in this lie! I do not want to believe it any more. I want to comprehend the truth. For You are God. You are what is right and true. My false perspectives have been such a stench. Please forgive me and help me with this, Lord. Please help my unbelief. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

