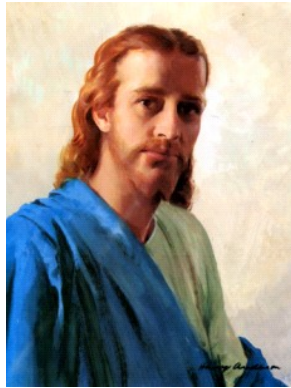


GOD'S VISION

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God is Love

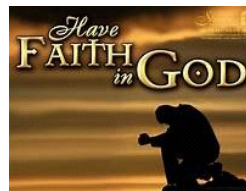


The Bible tells us that "God is Love" (1 John 4:8). But how can we even begin to understand that truth? There are many passages in the Bible that give us God's definition of love. The most well known verse is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." So one way God defines

love is in the act of giving. However, what God gave (or should we say, "who" God gave) was not a mere gift-wrapped present; God sacrificed His only Son so that we, who put our faith in His Son, will not spend eternity separated from Him. This is an amazing love, because we are the ones who choose to reject God, yet it's God who mends the separation through His intense personal sacrifice, and all we have to do is accept His gift.

Another great verse about God's love is found in Romans 5:8, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." In this verse and in John 3:16, we find no conditions placed on God's love for us. God

doesn't say, "as soon as you clean up your act, I'll love you;" nor does He say, "I'll sacrifice my Son if you promise to love



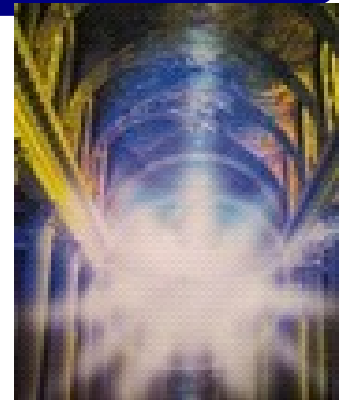
Me." In fact, in Romans 5:8, we find just the opposite. God wants us to know that His love is unconditional, so He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us while we were still unlovable sinners. We didn't have to get clean, and we didn't have to make any promises to God before we could experience His love. His love for us has always existed, and because of that, He did all the giving and sacrificing long before we were even aware that we needed

The Vision of God

The vision of God is eschatological. That is to say, it is the substance of the end times; it overcomes this world (John 16:33) and it unites all things in Christ (Col 1:15-20). When we catch the vision of God all striving falls away. When we catch the vi-

sion of God we are united to one another in the presence of perfection. All is complete; all is accomplished; the struggle of evil is vanquished and all is just as God has willed it to be (Rev. 21:1-8). It is truly the promised Sabbath rest (Heb 4:1-10).

To recapture the vision of God, therefore, is to recapture being; it is to rest in God. It is, indeed, to rest in your deepest person as God has made you, and not as your family according to the flesh, the world or your own fantasizing and willing and visions have made



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you. Saint Augustine famously prayed, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and my heart is restless until it rests in you." (Confessions, 1.1). Such is the way of contemplative prayer.

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For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

What Is the Holy Spirit?



Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

The holy spirit is God's power in action, his active force. (Micah 3:8; Luke 1:35) God sends out his spirit by projecting his energy to any place to accomplish his will.—Psalm 104:30; 139:7.

In the Bible, the word “spirit” is translated from the Hebrew word ru'ach and the Greek word pneu'ma. Most often, those words refer to God's active force, or holy spirit. (Genesis 1:2) However, the Bible also uses those words in other senses:

Breath.—Habakkuk 2:19; Revelation 13:15.

Wind.—Genesis 8:1; John 3:8.

The vital, or animating, force in living creatures.—Job 34:14, 15.

A person's disposition or attitude.—Numbers 14:24.

Spirit persons, including God and the angels.—1 Kings 22:21; John 4:24.

These meanings all share the sense of something invisible to humans that produces visible effects. Similarly, the spirit of God, “like the wind, is invisible, immaterial and powerful.”—An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, by W. E. Vine.

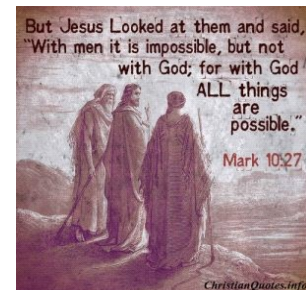
The Bible also refers to God's

Inspirational Sayings

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 8:38-39

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. – 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” – Luke 3:21-22



holy spirit as his “hands” or “fingers.” (Psalm 8:3; 19:1; Luke 11:20; compare Matthew 12:28.) Just as a craftsman uses his hands and fingers to do his work, God has used his spirit to produce such results as the following:

The universe.—Psalm 33:6; Isaiah 66:1, 2.

The Bible.—2 Peter 1:20, 21.

The miracles performed by his ancient servants and their zealous preaching.—Luke 4:18; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11.

The fine qualities displayed by people who obey him.—Galatians 5:22, 23.