

## **GOD'S LOVE LANGUAGE**

John 3:16-17

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*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”* (John 3:16–17, NKJV)

*“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”*  
(Romans 3:23, NLT)

*“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 6:23, NLT)

### **SERIOUSLY?**

*“Move your heart closer and closer to God, and he will come even closer to you. But make sure you cleanse your life, you sinners, and keep your heart pure and stop doubting. Feel the pain of your sin, be sorrowful and weep! Let your joking around be turned into mourning and your joy into deep humiliation. Be willing to made low before the Lord and he will exalt you!”* (James 4:8-9a, PT)

### **The Bible describes sin as...**

- 1. Wandering off the path.**
- 2. Broken.**
- 3. Blemish.**
- 4. Crooked.**
- 5. Rebellion.**
- 6. Owing a debt.**
- 7. Lawlessness.**
- 8. Trespass.**
- 9. Impurity.**

*“Do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.”* (1 Timothy 5:22, NLT)

*“God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.”*  
(Matthew 5:8, NLT)

*“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.”*  
(Romans 12:9, NIV)

*“Jesus also told this parable to some who were confident that they were righteous and looked down on everyone else.”* (Luke 18:9, NET)

*“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”* (Luke 18:14, NET)

### **BECOME A FRIEND OF JESUS!**

*“...[Jesus is the] friend of ... [Dennis, a] sinner!”* (Matthew 11:19b, NLT)

*“This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all.”*  
(1 Timothy 1:15, NLT)

### **SEE PEOPLE AS GOD SEES THEM.**

*“The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”* (1 Samuel 16:7, NLT)

*“Stop judging by outward appearance! Instead, judge correctly.”*  
(John 7:24, GW)

### **LOVE EVERYONE.**

*“A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”*  
(Matthew 22:39, NLT)

*“But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!”*  
(Matthew 5:44, NLT)

*“In humility think more of each other than you do of yourselves. None of you should think only of his own affairs, but should learn to see things from other people’s point of view.”* (Philippians 2:3b-4, Phillips)

1. **LISTEN.**

*“Listen before you answer. If you don’t you are being stupid and insulting.”*  
(Proverbs 18:13, GN)

2. **LOVE LIKE JESUS.**

*“So now I am giving you a new commandment: **Love** each other. Just as I have **loved** you, you should **love** each other. Your **love** for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”* (John 13:34–35, NLT)

3. **LOVE GOD’S FAMILY.**

*“Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. ... All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.”* (1 Corinthians 12:27, NLT)

**GOD’S SMILE!**

*“May God be merciful and bless us. May his face smile with favor on us. Interlude”*  
(Psalm 67:1, NLT)