

Crazy Love: The Father's Love
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EPHESIANS 3:17-19 NLT

Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

4 Basic Needs of Humanity:

- 1. Acceptance:** Knowing you are loved and appreciated
- 2. Identity:** Knowing who you are and that you are significant
- 3. Security:** Knowing you are protected and provided for
- 4. Purpose:** Knowing the reason why you were created

JOHN 15:5-8 NKJV

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."

JOHN 15:9 NKJV

"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love."

When You're Dependent on People to Meet Deepest Needs:

- Your inner security depends on someone you cannot predict or control.

- Your life is filled with an atmosphere of disappointments and failed relationships.
- You have unrealistic expectations of others that drive people away.
- Your ability to give love depends on your ability to get love.

When You Make the Great Exchange:

- Your inner security depends on God, who is totally faithful with unlimited resources.
- Your life is filled with an atmosphere of optimism and blessed relationships.
- You have realistic expectations of others, which allows you to forgive them and keep moving forward.
- Your ability to give love flows from God, who never gives out.

ROMANS 8:31-39 NLT

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, WHO CAN EVER BE AGAINST US? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. CAN ANYTHING EVER SEPARATE US FROM CHRIST'S LOVE? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. AND I AM CONVINCED THAT NOTHING CAN EVER SEPARATE US FROM GOD'S LOVE. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears

for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

4 Important Things to Know About the Father’s Love:

1. You are acceptable to God.

ROMANS 8:31-33 CEV

What can we say about all this? If God is on our side, can anyone be against us? God did not keep back his own Son, but he gave him for us. If God did this, won’t he freely give us everything else? If God says his chosen ones are ACCEPTABLE TO HIM, can anyone bring charges against them?

2. You’re significant because you belong to Him.

GALATIANS 3:26-29 NLT

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the TRUE CHILDREN of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God’s promise to Abraham belongs to you.

GALATIANS 4:6-7 NLT

And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “ABBA, FATHER.” Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, God has made you HIS HEIR.

3. Your Father will always take care of you.

ROMANS 8:32 CEV

God did not keep back his own Son, but he gave him for us. If God did this, won’t he freely give us everything else?

All Worry Is: Forgetting who your Father is!

4. Nothing can stop you from fulfilling your purpose.

ROMANS 8:35 CEV

Can anything separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble, suffering, and hard times, or hunger and nakedness, or danger and death?

ROMANS 8:37 CEV

In everything we have won more than victory because of Christ who loves us. I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love— not life or death, not angels or spirits, not the present or the future, and not powers above or powers below. Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord!