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## LOVE GOD

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### Love God, First Purpose

*You shall have no other gods before Me. Exodus 20:3 NKJV*

*Jesus replied: "‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. Matthew 22:37 NIV*

**Created for \_\_\_\_\_ of love**

*I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. Jeremiah 31:3 NIV*

*But with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the Lord, your Redeemer. Isaiah 54:8 NLT*

**Realize the depth of \_\_\_\_\_**

*I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. Exodus 34:7a NLT*

*Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6 NLT*

*"Once we have seen Him in a stable, we can never be sure where He will appear or to what lengths He will go or to what ludicrous depths of self-humiliation He will descend in His wild pursuit of men." -Frederick Buechner*

**Receive the gift of \_\_\_\_\_**

*Since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life.*

**Romans 5:10 NLT**

*Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. **John 1:12 NIV***

## **Experience His \_\_\_\_\_**

*...you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." **Romans 8:15b NLT***

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. **Ephesians 3:18.19 NIV***

*He is a God who is passionate about His relationship with you. **Exodus 34:14 NLTb 1st Ed.***