

Pt 1: **BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES**

We are Unable to Save Ourselves

Our sinful condition caused us to be in desperate need of a Saviour.

*Ephesians 2:4-5 (nkjv) **BUT GOD**, Who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.*

God's Unconditional Love

Sin separated us from God, and therefore, His love for us is not based on us being good.

*Romans 5:8 (niv) “**BUT GOD demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**”*

If ever you feel uncertain or doubt God's love for you, remember that He loved you even before you acknowledged Him.

1 John 4:9-10 (tlb) God showed how much He loved us by sending His only Son into this wicked world to bring to us eternal life through His death. ¹⁰ In this act we see what real love is: it is not our love for God but His love for us when He sent His Son to satisfy God's anger against our sins.

BUT GOD demonstrated His love for us by sending Jesus to die for us to reconcile us back to Him.

2 Corinthians 5:19 (niv) God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

(AMP) God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting people's sins against them [but canceling them]. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation [that is, restoration to favor with God].

Big Idea: GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOR US IS ACTIVE AND ATTRACTIVE.

Embrace God's Love

Don't let feelings of unworthiness or past mistakes doubt your eligibility for a relationship with God.

Romans 3:21-25a (nlt) But now God has shown us a way to be made right with Him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. ²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short (unworthy) of God's glorious standard.

(ERV) All have sinned and are not good enough to share God's divine greatness.

Because of Jesus' sacrifice we are accepted, forgiven and now have a path to eternal life.

²⁴ Yet God, in His grace, freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood...

Let God's transformative love be the foundation for your actions and character.

Share the Good News of God's Love

Share this wonderful, good news of God's unconditional love with those around you.

2 Corinthians 5:19 (tlb) For God was in Christ, restoring the world to Himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out. This is the wonderful message He has given us to tell others.