

GOD WILL LOVE YOU MORE IF YOU...

Romans 8:38-39 ... "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In our human relationships, we often love people more when they do nice things for us, forgive our mistakes, work hard for us, and say kind things about us. We often think in terms of earning a friend's love, or a parent's respect, or a child's affection. It is not the ideal way to live, but it is human nature to believe that we must do something to get something, in this case, love.

God, on the other hand, operates in a totally different manner. God loved you before you were born. You were not a surprise to God; he knew you before your parents existed and he knows you best. But the best part is that he LOVED you before he created the universe. Even when he knew in advance that you would be a troubled child, an angry teenager, or a mean adult – God loved you. Even when God knew that you would lie, steal, cheat and blaspheme his name – he loved you. Regardless of the condition of your heart today, God loves you. And, he will love you even if he is forced to condemn you to hell for rejecting Christ and serving the devil. God will hate your sin. He may hate your behavior. He may be brokenhearted when you speak profanities. But he will not stop loving you.

Now that you know God loves you no matter how bad you are, you should understand that there is nothing you can do to make God love you more. God's love is not transmitted in degrees like man's love. God does not love one person 10% of the time, another person 50% of the time, and another person 100% of the time. He loves each and every one of us 100%. You cannot improve upon 100%. So, if you are looking for ways to earn more love from God, stop looking. You already have as much love from God as he is capable of giving.

Your options to draw closer to God and improve your relationship with him, have nothing to do with him and everything to do with you. If you feel you are not close to God or a true friend of Jesus, then the problem is with you, not God. The only way to correct that feeling and improve your relationship with Christ, is for you to love God more.

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