

## Get Real Part 9: God Loves Real People

Well, here are some myths about God's love that is commonly communicated to us:

1. Sometimes God loves me, and sometimes he doesn't – God's love changes
2. I have to clean myself up before God loves me – God can't love me when I'm imperfect or dirty
3. I have to jump through the hoop of religious works in order for God to love me – God's love is based upon my performance
4. God loves me more when I do the right things – we can get God to love us more

Three words that describe God's love to real people:

### 1. God's love is unconditional

- By **DEFINITION** God's love is Unconditional - 1 John 4:8b ... God is love (Agape)
- By **DEMONSTRATION** God's love is Unconditional Love - 1 John 4:9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world
- By **DIFFERENTIATION** God's love is unconditional - 1 John 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

### 2. God's love is unending

Jer. 31:3 "I have loved you with an everlasting love..."

- In being unending, God's love is **ENDURING** - 1 Cor. 13:7 KJV Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
- In being unending, God's love is **INSEPERABLE** - Romans 8:38-39 – For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord
- In being unending, it's also **IMMEASURABLE** - **Ephesians 3:17-19 (NIV)** "So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. 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."

### 3. God's love is unfailing

This love is described by the Hebrew word: Heseb – Steadfast love, covenant faithfulness, lovingkindness

God's heseb: abounds, delights, is far-reaching, crowns w/lovingkindness, it's surrounding, satisfying, overflowing, gives hope, compassionate

Lamentations 3:21-24 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. 22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. 24 The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.