

# Great Is Our Loving God!

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## Great Is The Lord: How The Attributes Of God Shape Our Everyday Living! Pt. 2

*“To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement.”*

—Augustine

*“Men indeed ought to be taught that God’s loving-kindness is set forth to all who seek it, without exception.”*

—John Calvin

### 1. God Is Good — ALL THE TIME!

**Psalm 107:1**, Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those He redeemed from the hand of the foe, 3 those He gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south... 43 Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.

*Goodness is not a mere attribute that must be attached to God as a subject, but God is goodness.”*

—Cornelius Van Til

**Romans 8:32**, He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

**2 Peter 1:3**, His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him Who called us by His own glory and goodness.

**Psalm 34:8**, Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.

## **2. God Is Love—HE SHOWED IT!**

**Ruth 1:8**, *Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the Lord show you kindness...*

*“Hesed is a bone-weary father who drives through the night to bail his drug-addict son out of jail. Hesed is a mom who spends day after thankless day spoon-feeding and wiping up after a disabled child. Hesed is an unsung pastor’s wife whose long-suffering, tearful prayers keep her exhausted husband from falling apart at the seams. Hesed is love that can be counted on, decade after decade. It’s not about the thrill of romance, but the security of faithfulness.”*

—Lois Tverberg

**1 John 4:9**, *This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His One and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. 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. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

**1 John 4:16**, *And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.*

## **3. God Is Father—A Good, GOOD FATHER!**

*“To be a member in good standing in the family of God is a privilege never to be passively assumed or taken for granted. In fact, it is the greatest privilege of all, to be able to come to God and address Him as Father.”*

—R. C. Sproul

**Luke 15:20**, *So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21 “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against Heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the*

*fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.*

**2 Corinthians 5:18**, *All this is from God, Who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that 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.*

**Romans 8:14**, *For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father."*

**1 Peter 1:3**, *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in Heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.*

*"God's children are God's children anywhere and everywhere, and shall be even unto the end. Nothing can sever that sacred tie, or divide us from His heart."*

*—Charles Spurgeon*