

FAITH WORKING BY LOVE – 3
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EPHESIANS 2:4-6 (AMPC)

It was God's intense love for us that moved Him to redeem us. It was His redeeming love that sent Jesus to the cross.

GALATIANS 5:6

Without a revelation of God's redeeming love, faith would be difficult to develop. How can we trust someone who doesn't love us? Knowing someone genuinely loves us, makes it easier to trust them. Today, our focus is on God's love for us.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:13-18 (NLT)

Have you ever wondered what God thinks of you? One of the greatest barriers to experiencing God's love is what we know about ourselves. If we know the truth about ourselves, how much more does an omniscient God know about us? We can't fool Him. God doesn't see us as we see ourselves. He sees us as new creations in Christ, and wants us to see ourselves and others the same way. **PSALM 103** gives us a clear picture of God's love for us.

PSALMS 103:1-5 (KJV, NLT)

These verses reveal that God provides for us everything that makes life richly meaningful. This psalm reveals God's compassion for His people and what He really thinks of them. David exhorts his soul to never forget it and to bless Him for all His benefits. Not doing so can cause heart failure.

PSALMS 103:6-7 (KJV, NLT)

In the Old Testament, oppressed refers to widows, orphans, foreigners, the poor and people that can't help themselves. God takes the side of the weak, and keeps His eyes on the helpless. Think about the good Samaritan. God doesn't ignore hurting people; He cares about them and helps them.

PSALMS 103:8

This verse reveals four great attributes of God: He's compassionate, gracious, patient and merciful. There's inviting, saving, upholding, consoling, everlasting mercy.

PSALMS 103:9-10 (NLT)

He tempers His wrath and is quick to forgive our sins. He doesn't hold grudges or bring up our past failures. Richard Dawkins "The God Delusion" denied God's existence and calls believers uneducated morons. God doesn't crush him and still provides sunlight and rain for him. Why? Because He's not intimidated by him or any other atheist. **ROMANS 2:4** Says God's goodness leads to repentance.

PSALMS 103:11-12 (NLT)

Astronomers tell us the farthest light we can see is about 10-15 billion light years away. Light travels at 186,000 miles per second. The east and west never meet.

PSALMS 103:13-16 (NLT)

As a loving compassionate Father, He understands our frame and our weaknesses. He knows how frail we are. He knows we're here today and gone tomorrow.

PSALMS 103:17-18

His mercy links us to eternity. Here, it's ashes to ashes, dust to dust, but His mercy offers everlasting and unending living.

CONCLUSION: PSALMS 103 Tells us we're richer, loved and more blessed than we can imagine. Life without Christ leads to a hopeless end, but life with Christ leads to an endless hope for us, and our children, and our children's children forever.