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## The Love of God-Part 2

Eph. 5:1-2 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Dearly loved children...an amazing word picture given to us by the Apostle Paul. Agapao - the Greek term here gives us insight into the Love that God has for you. He not only loves you because of His own Love Nature; He loves you because you are His. You are His child. You are His child that He dearly loves.

1 John 3:1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

You are not just a child in a huge family. You are His special one that He is crazy about! Do you see and understand that God wants to pour out (lavish) His love on you every day because He loves you more than you can even think or imagine!

When you begin to see how much God loves you, you can begin to abide in that love and allow it to flow over every part of your being: heart, soul, and mind. Then His command to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind can start to be realized and put into your daily walk. When scripture says to "walk in the way of love," it is encouraging us to take on the characteristic of God's amazing love. How? Just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us...

Phil. 3:12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Dear Lord, help me to walk in the way of love today. Help me to love You with everything I have. Help me to love others with everything I have. Help me to press on today to take hold of this goal that You have for me...to follow God's example, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love. In Jesus Name, Amen