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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 50

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by providing **His deep love** to you. **1 Peter 4:8**, *"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."*

The Greek word for deeply is *ektene* which means stretched out, zealous, cast forth. God's love for us reaches out to everyone, everywhere. There are no limits or boundaries to God's love. It is for the saint and the sinner. It is for the rich and the poor. It is for all colors of skin and political persuasion. God's love has been cast forth to anyone who will believe. And now He sends us forth as examples and ambassadors of His great love.

We must ask ourselves the question - How am I being an example of love to my neighbor, my co-worker, my family, my friends and the stranger? Do they see in me and know the God Whom I serve? Not because I'm a religious person; so were the Pharisees. But because the light of the glory of God shines within me and His love pours from me. If we truly love God, we must love people. And if you notice today's exhortation, we must love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Do you see the correlation there? His deep love covered our sins on the cross. His blood was the covering, the "atonement" for my sin and for the sins of the whole world. That is how deep His love is and how deep our love should be for each other. That's why Paul says that genuine love *keeps no records of wrongs*. Neither does God hold our sins over our heads! In fact **Psalm 103:10-12** says - *He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed <i>our transgressions from us*.

Dear Father, thank You for Your love that is so deep, there is no limit to it. You just keep loving and loving with no end. We need to show that kind of love to everyone You bring into our spheres of influence. Help us to be ready to show Your love to all we come into contact with today. In Jesus Name, Amen