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A Bible Study for Teen Girls

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# The Difference of God's Love

*"Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." —Jeremiah 31:3*

God's love is so deep and indescribable; and it is found in His Son, Jesus Christ. He is wonderful. God wants every teenager to know that love, and to find satisfaction and peace in His Son Jesus, the expression of His love. Jesus came into my heart as a young person when I called on Him to save me from my sins. I had always known about Jesus as a child, because I had been born into a Christian family. But that did not make me a Christian. Just as Jesus told Nicodemus in John three, I, too, needed to be born again. I was still sinful and needed a Savior for myself.

At the age of 13, the Lord spoke to my heart one afternoon about my need for Him, but I put it off until Sunday. Then Sunday came, and that same Voice spoke again to my spirit. It was the Lord, and anyone who has heard that Voice knows when it is the Lord. No one has to tell you Who it is that is talking to you. As I sat in church listening to the preacher, I realized that Jesus came and died for ME! Yes, I knew that all along in my head, but that day was different. I truly saw the love of God for me personally, and I could not resist it. I went forward that day in church and knelt at the altar and asked Jesus to save me. The burden of my heart did roll away, and I had peace.

No, I did not understand it all. To tell you the truth, I really did not realize the wonder of that day. But things began to change when I started reading my Bible and praying every day. As I read God's Word and listened to it being preached and taught, I began to see

what a great Savior that I had called upon, and that this God was real, and He loved me. I began to understand that God had a purpose for my existence, and that He made me to glorify Him. What a new and wonderful life I had been given!!! It was more than I could take in!!!

As a teenager, I was amazed to read in the Bible about how God cares about each specific detail of my life. From the smallest particulars to the more obvious points about me, I am always in His thoughts and heart. God knows us as we really are. There are no secrets from Him. He is God. And He is the God Who loves us.

How can we be sure? He expressed it in the giving of His Son. This is everlasting love that is offered. It can be experienced by anyone who will believe and follow His Son. Come to Jesus and be loved!!

Here is how you can know Him too:

1. **Realize that you are a sinner.** Sin is what we do and think that dishonors God. All people have sinned (Romans 3:10,23).
2. **Because of your sin, you are separated from God.** God is holy, and He cannot look upon sin. Sin must be punished, and the punishment for your sin is eternal death in a horrible place called hell (Romans 6:23; James 1:15).
3. **God loved you, and Sent His Son, Jesus, to take away your sins.** Jesus took the punishment for your sins when He died on Calvary's Cross. He could take the eternal punishment for your sins because He is God, the only perfect One (John 3:16; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:24; Hebrews 9:22).
4. **You must believe in your heart that Jesus died for your sins.** By believing in Him and calling on Him to accept His gift of eternal life, your sins are forgiven, and the Holy

Spirit comes to live in your heart to help you live for God (John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9-13).

*There is no human being who could have the power to love like that!! After you get saved, you can begin enjoying that love by reading His Word, by following what it says, and by communicating with God in prayer.*

God put within every person a desire to be loved. Each individual longs to be accepted, needed and adored by someone. We crave that kind of love the moment we are born. This is a natural condition that can only be completely filled by the One Who is love, and that is God Himself. So how do we satisfy that longing? Perhaps we need to join Nicodemus, who came to Jesus by night! (Read John 3:1-17.)

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2. Is there someone here on Earth who loves you? Who?  
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3. Where do teen girls often go for love? \_\_\_\_\_  
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