

You Are Loved
God's Toughest Jobs - Part 1 of 4

“We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love...”
1 John 4:16

I. WHY PEOPLE AVOID GOD

- FEAR #1: That I'll have to give up my fun.

FACT: **“God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”**
1 Timothy 6:17

- FEAR #2: That I'll become a fanatic.

FACT: (Jesus) **“I have come that you might have life, and have it to the fullest!”**
John 10:10

- FEAR #3: That I'll lose my freedom.

FACT: (Jesus) **“If the Son sets you free, you will be really free!”**
John 8:36

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.”
1 John 1:18

II. HOW MUCH DOES GOD LOVE ME?

“I pray that you will grasp how WIDE and LONG and HIGH and DEEP is the love of Christ.”
Ephesians 3:18

GOD'S LOVE IS . . .

1. WIDE ENOUGH TO INCLUDE EVERYBODY.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16

2. LONG ENOUGH TO LAST FOREVER.

(God says) **“I have loved you with an everlasting love...”**
Jeremiah 31:3

“God's love will last for all time...”
Psalm 89:2 (GN)

3. HIGH ENOUGH TO GET ME TO HEAVEN.

“...neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Romans 8:39

4. DEEP ENOUGH TO DIE ON A CROSS.

“God has shown how much He loves us; it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us.”
Romans 5:8