

## God's Passion: Love through Sacrifice - Day 2



*The passion of God was so deep that it was willing to give the ultimate sacrifice. Willing to go to incredible lengths to show the commitment to fulfill the need, to bring the reconciliation. So rich in kindness and grace was the passionate love of our God; Jesus was willing to give His very life.*

*"All glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault" (Jude 1:24, NLT).*

It may seem strange that the solution to our separation problem was to be fixed through a violent crucifixion. The solution is difficult for many to accept. But perhaps this mysterious plan is a significant piece of the intimacy puzzle. What Jesus did displays His heart's extreme commitment to us. His sacrifice demonstrates how valuable we are to Him and is a huge component of the mysterious love He has for us, and that He wants us to understand fully.

What an amazing gift, available to rich and poor, imprisoned and free, young and old, man, woman, and child. This was the best gift He could have given to lavish His love on us, for it is incomparable in how it meets our soul's need. God could have made it so we would have to earn forgiveness and reconciliation. He could have made us work hard, complete difficult tasks, sacrifice, toil, or slave away. Our reconciliation could have been dependent upon a measure of our grievance over our sin. He could have required us to do impossible tasks, give up everything we have, or even face our own cross.

Yet instead, we find in scripture, "He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins" (Eph. 1:7, NLT). So remarkable is His love that He blesses us with forgiveness and reconciliation at His own cost and ultimately brings complete restoration.

Jesus makes a bridge for us to unity with Triune God. He loves to be near us, so He draws us to Himself with absolute love through self-sacrifice, Him for us. He desires to have us seated with Him in solid, flawless, sealed friendship, fully forgiven. This is the truth, this is the solution, all through Jesus. Nothing else will ever compare.

### **Prayer**

*Thank you, God of passion  
for the best gift.*

*The gap of separation from You  
was bridged by Jesus, Him for me.  
I am now seated in friendship with You.  
I am grateful!  
Amen.*