

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous: And He is the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:1-2 KJV



Jesus' atoning sacrifice appeases the Law and justifiable Wrath of Almighty God against the vile vermin who dare question His Love and Omnipotence! Man not only places himself under the Wrath of a loving and Just God by unbelief, he further aggravates it with blasphemy! He vilifies the Virtue, mocks the Mandates, and spurns the Sacrifice of his own Creator! In perspective, how do you feel when your cake doesn't rise, or your car won't run, or your child pitches a fit after you invest time, love, and effort in them? You program your cell phone, I-pod, or MP3 player with all the correct and necessary data and it refuses to work? What is your instinct when faced with a virus; electronic or physical? Get rid of it! Stamp it out! Annihilate it! The same goes for a disobedient child. We attempt to eradicate through instruction and punishment all aberrant behavior. You are created in God's own image. How do you think God feels after creating man, surrounding him with exceeding bounty, and loving him, and then man viciously and maliciously responds? How would you feel? Would you then still suffer his deserved penalty to redeem him? We are not worthy of the least of Christ's favor! Let alone that Jesus should suffer and die in our stead! John, the beloved penned, *"He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He Power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of Grace and Truth."* Know God; Know Love. No God; No Love. *"He that Loveth not knoweth not God; for God is Love. In this was manifested the Love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is Love, not that we loved God, but that He Loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. We love Him, because He FIRST Loved us."* The Love of God is not emotion; it is an action; manifested by Jesus at Calvary, Promised by God from Eternity past, and preserved by Grace for eternity future to whosoever will trust and obey God's Word!

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade;
To write the Love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. ~Frederick Lehman, 1917

If you do not know God, you do not truly know Love for *"God IS Love!"* Dear Believer, I once again, remand you to the Beloved Apostle John's inspired quill:

"Behold, what manner of Love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this Hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." 1 John 3:1-3 KJV