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Imagine there was a love that never faded, never wavered,
never died. Now imagine that love was for you.





A MAJESTIC LOVE

He is outside time and above all things. His power is unfathomable, His majesty unparalleled. With a simple word, the constellations were set in space, the planets sent spinning, and the beauty of our world brought into being. And into this world God set His most complex and cherished creation: You.

It was with a heart of love that God decided to sculpt in His image a creation with whom He could enter into relationship. And still it is His desire: to be known by us, to be loved by us, and to offer us a love more deep, more whole, more satisfying, and more intimate than we could ever dream of.

It is a wonder and yet truth: that the mighty God of the universe would offer perfect, everlasting, unconditional love to imperfect people. And imperfect we are. Despite our efforts and discipline, we blow it all the time—sometimes in small ways, other times in ways that have life-altering and enduring consequences. We *want* to be good, and sometimes we are, but are we *good enough*? God tells us that no, we aren't, and because of those imperfections we find ourselves separated from Him. But God loved us too much to let us slip away. And in His love, He provided a way for us to overcome our mistakes and be reunited with Him.



LOVE THAT'S UNCONDITIONAL

We're used to conditional love. The world teaches us that if we're stronger, smarter, more beautiful, more successful, then we just might be acceptable. We hide our imperfections and our mistakes, hoping others won't count them against us. And we spend our lives hoping for a love free of strings, uncertainty and compromise—an unconditional and unending love that will allow us to finally breathe deep and feel secure.

Into this uncertainty God injects a truth so incredible that we can't wrap our minds around it. He holds out to us love. All-encompassing, everlasting, blind-to-our-faults love. *Unconditional* love. The kind of love that will lift us up when the world seems bent on beating us down. A love that says "I forgive you" when faced with our bad choices—and then promptly forgets those choices were made. A love that knows our past and doesn't care, knows our present and stays anyway, knows our future and still wraps its arms around us. No manipulation. No fear. No doubts. *Love*.





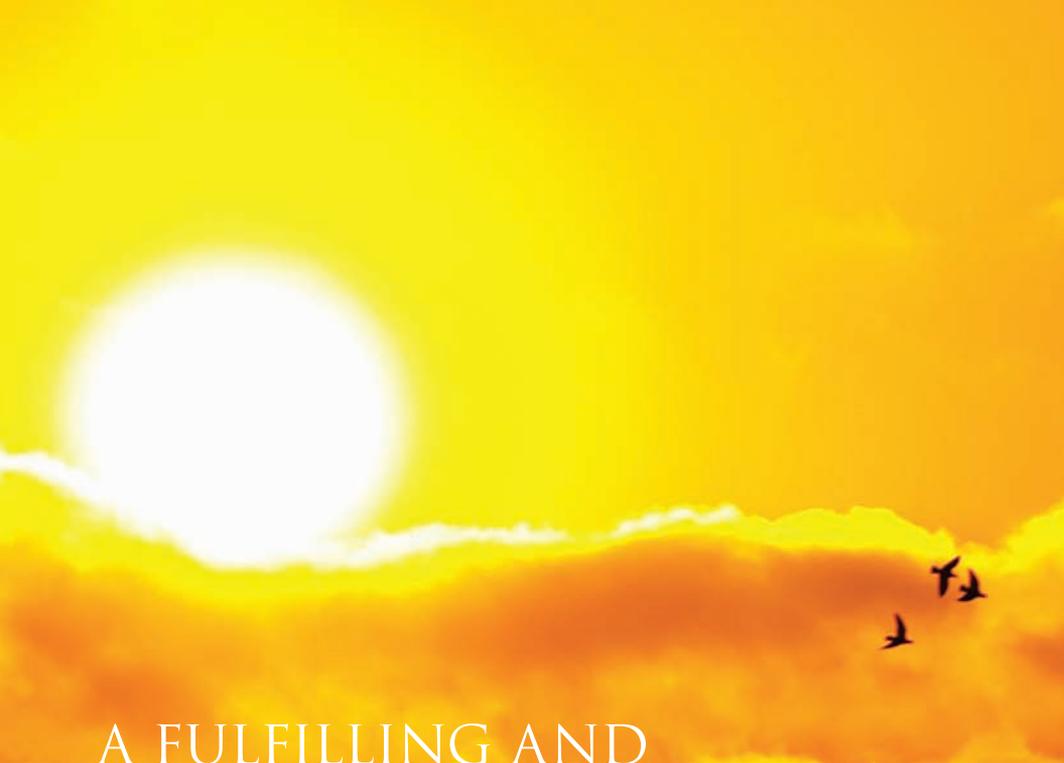
REUNITED WITH OUR CREATOR

Since the beginning of time God has offered His love to humanity and humanity has rejected it for the false promises of the world. Even so, God never gives up or walks away. Though He has every right to leave us behind, He instead provides a way for us to be reunited with Him—not just here on earth, but for eternity in heaven. That way is Jesus.

Though He was a part of God, and the Creator of the universe, Jesus became human to live among us. We struggle to understand this, and yet here He was, walking and relating face-to-face with His creation and bringing with Him a truth that seemed too good to be true: *The God of the universe loves you.*

Now, our sins and mistakes no longer separate us from God. Jesus became our bridge through the ultimate sacrifice—an unimaginable death for our wrongdoing—so that we could be reunited with our loving Creator.

Without Jesus, we search for a love and a purpose that will make us whole and fulfilled. We grab at money, sex, success, and danger hoping they will fill the void within us. But they don't—because only one thing fits in that God-shaped hole. It is Jesus, the bearer of both the most wonderful news of all *and* our sins and wrongs, who delivers to us God's life-giving love.



A FULFILLING AND ETERNAL LIFE

As if the reality of this love were not enough, God couples it with the promise that this life will now have true meaning. In His love we find out who we were always meant to be and how our lives are meant to be lived. Our lives are filled with deeper meaning. Our strengths and skills are given new purpose. And as if *that* were not enough, God then says to us, “Come be with Me *forever*.”

Eternity is not a concept we easily grasp. But God promises that this life, which His love will make infinitely more fulfilling than it could ever be without Him, will not be the end of our experience. Death will not be the final chapter for us, but merely the end of the first act. When our earthly bodies cease to live, our souls will find a new home in heaven, in the bodies we were always meant to have, where we can live an unending life of perfection and joy while surrounded—spiritually, mentally, and physically—by the love and glory of God.



AN AMAZING GIFT OF LOVE

You might think a love like this requires a whole list of duties or sacrifices. But the Bible assures us this gift from God is free. The price was too steep for man to ever pay, so God paid it for us through the death of Jesus. All that is required is a confession. As the Bible states it,

“That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” – Romans 10:9

That’s all it takes. Nothing fancy, nothing special. Just an acknowledgement of your need for God’s perfect love, of the sacrifice that Jesus made for you. If made with a sincere and open heart, this confession will bring you into the presence of God, and bring God’s presence into your soul.

If you want to receive this amazing gift of love from God, simply pray a prayer like this:

Dear Jesus,

I don’t know why you love me so much that you were willing to die a terrible death just for me. But I know that you did it so my sins could be forgiven and I could enter into a relationship with God. Thank you for loving me and dying for me. I offer my life to you today, Jesus, and turn the reins over to you. Thank you for your sacrifice, and for allowing me to know your perfect love.

Amen

Welcome to the family of God! Please visit your local Christian church for support and information as you begin your spiritual journey.

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