

**Basking In The Love Of God**

# What Does God Think Of You?

- ❑ **When God thinks of You, what do you think He FEELS?**
- ❑ **Rom.8:1 – There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!**
- ❑ **When You think of God, what do You feel?**
- ❑ **AW Tozer says that most of us who call ourselves Christian do so on the basis of belief more than experience. We have, “substituted theological ideas for an arresting encounter” There is no substitute for a genuine encounter with Perfect Love.**

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- **“If God is love, he cannot be truly known apart from love. He cannot, therefore, be known objectively. One cannot observe him from a distance and know him. To do so is to fail to genuinely encounter his love.”**
- **“Encountering God in love is as important for people who live in their head as for those who live in their heart. Both need to learn to ground their identity on experiential knowing of themselves as deeply loved by God.”**

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- Eph.3:16 -19 “And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **and to know this love that surpasses knowledge** - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”
- Know - “*ginosko*” - progressive, speaks of relationship, used the relationship between a man and a woman
- Learning to know and be loved by someone only happens by spending time with them.

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- ❑ **Most of you know who my wife is.**
- ❑ **Many of you know about my wife.**
- ❑ **A few of you have a personal friendship with my wife, but no one else knows her as I do**
- ❑ **"Christian meditation is like spiritual daydreaming. Rather than analyzing or thinking about the passage, simply let yourself soak in it. There is no need to do anything with the words you read. Instead let them do something to you. Don't be preoccupied with examining what is happening. Just allow the words to turn over in your mind and wash over your heart."**

## **Psalm 23**

**The LORD is my shepherd; I have what I need.**

**He lets me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters.**

**He renews my life; he leads me along the right paths.**

**Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

**You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD as long as I live.**

□ **If God is for us, who is against us? He did not even spare his own Son but offered him up for us all. How will he not also with him grant us everything? Who can bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies. Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; he also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us. Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: Because of you we are being put to death all day long; we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

# Other Meditation Passages

- **Psalm 23**
- **Psalm 91**
- **Psalm 131**
- **Isaiah 43: 1-4**
- **Isaiah 49: 14-16**
- **Hosea 11: 1-4**
- **Matthew 10: 29-31**
- **Romans 8: 31-39**