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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

1 Cor. 13:13 *And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.* (NIV)

We live in a fallen world. But the LORD has shown us many perfect things. There is no greater gift that He has shared with us than His love, His perfect and unconditional love. It is this kind of love (*agape*), that He loves us with and commands us to love each other in the same way. On a day when many buy flowers and chocolates to tell someone that they are loved, we need to be reminded that there is no real, lasting love without the LORD. **1 John 4:9-10** *This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.* (NIV)

And because God has done this for us, we can experience the pure and complete love of God. This love says: *'I love you no matter what you have done. I love you no matter how bad you have messed up. I love you more than anyone else could ever love you. I love you even when you don't love me back. I will never stop loving you.'*

Have you experienced this kind of love? If you have, take some time this very day to get down on your knees, throw your hands in the air and just tell the LORD how gratefully blessed you are that He would love you like this! He deserves to hear our praises and thanksgivings. He loved me when no one else could, and He has done the same for you.

Dear LORD, You are love. We can only experience this love when we open up our hearts and lives to You. Help us to take this love to our neighbors, our families, our community, and to everyone You put in our path. In Jesus Name, Amen