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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Eph. 2:4-5 *But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).* (NASB)

The Greek word for *great love* is *pollen agapen* which means *many, continuous, numerous, huge or without end*. The picture here is that God's love for you is never-ending and continuous. He just keeps loving you in all situations and circumstances. Note this passage emphasizes *even when we were dead in our trespasses*. This picture is framed for us in **Ps. 103:11** *"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him."* (NIV) There are no boundaries to God's great love for you. He will love you in your good times and bad. He will love you in your obedience or your sin. He will love you when you are weak or when you walk strongly. He just keeps loving you with His great love! And, the only way to experience this kind of love is to know the One Who gives us this kind of love. It is not an intellectual ascent towards Him, nor a knowledge that He exists, but instead it is a personal relationship with Him that allows us to realize how great His love truly is.

As Paul was writing the letter to the church in Ephesus, he put it this way: **Eph. 3:17-18** *"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."* (NIV) Paul is telling them and us, that His love is never going to find any boundaries or limits. Can you say Amen to that?

Dear Father, we thank You that Your love is never ending and continuous. There are no limits to Your great love. It just keeps giving and giving. Thank You for Your great love for us. In Jesus Name, Amen