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The Lord wants you to live in His light.

Rom. 8:38-39 *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

One of my favorite passages in scripture reminds us of the steadfastness of God's love. This love is found in Jesus Christ our LORD. And, the amazing part of His love is that NOTHING could ever separate us from that love! You could never sin enough that God would look at you and say, I don't love you anymore. You could never go anywhere in the world that He wouldn't be there with you. You could never "live off the grid" far enough that He wouldn't know where you are. God loves you. Death can't separate. Spiritual forces can't overcome. Fear, hatred, depression, drug abuse, pornography, prejudice, lying, stealing, gossip, unfaithfulness, or any other action or emotion, can ever remove you from His great love for you.

I know we say that God is love, but sometimes we may even ask ourselves, "*how could God still love me after what I've done?*" I'm sure Peter felt the same way after denying Jesus three times right before His crucifixion. He had followed Jesus for over three years. He had lived, laughed, learned and loved others with Him. He had seen miracles. He had witnessed the power of God. But now he had sworn, "*I don't know the man!*"

How could Jesus ever forgive him? It's not possible from our perspective. **Mt. 19:26** *Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."* Peter could be forgiven because God's great love for Him caused the sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross for all sin. Peter is forgiven. You and I are forgiven. Call upon the name of the Lord and you will be saved.

Dear LORD, You love us so very much. How can this be? How could You take all our sin and shame? I know it is because nothing can separate us from Your love for us. Thank You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen