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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 10

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you all the time by providing **forgiveness** for you. **1 John 1:9**, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and to forgive us our sins and purify us from <u>all</u> unrighteousness."

Forgiven; could there be a more beautiful word than that? Has someone ever hurt you? Of course they have. We have all been hurt, disappointed and let down. In fact, sometimes people can be just downright mean. We live in a fallen world with fallen people who live for themselves and step on whoever gets in their way. Selfishness is the root of all sin. We all have it. We've all been bitten by the "me" bug. But we don't have to live like that any longer. Jesus came to give us forgiveness and to then be able to forgive others. Eph. 4:32, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you". Because of God's great love for you and me, He offers forgiveness to anyone who will believe on Him.

Acts 3:19, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the LORD." Did you catch that? Refreshing; a complete reset; a new slate; nothing held against you. NOTHING! Instead of standing before the Lord, covered with the stench of all of our sins, we can stand before Him covered by the blood of Jesus. The blood that never sinned and has no need for forgiveness. 2 Cor. 5:21, "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him". Why in the world would God allow this? Why would He allow His perfect Son to become the sacrifice for my sin; my selfishness; my pride; my anger; my slothfulness; my transgressions? There is no other answer than this: God loves me. And because of His great love for me and for you, He made a way for us to receive His complete and total forgiveness. It costs us nothing, but it cost Him everything.

Dear Father, thank You for Your forgiveness. You have provided Your forgiveness through Jesus. There is no greater love than this. Amazing love; how can it be that You my King would die for me? Thank You Father. Thank You Jesus. In Jesus Name, Amen