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Yet there are ways in which God's love is unconditional.

Ephesians 1:4-5.
Acts 13:48
1 John 5:1
John 1:13.

In addition we discover in the Scriptures that:

Luke 6:35
1 Timothy 2:4
1 Cor. 1:28
Romans 5:9

It is however, Conditional That We Abide in His love.

John 15:9

John 14:21
John 14:15

John 3:16.

Let me begin by acknowledging that there is a lot of interest in this topic and many Christians wonder if God's love is **unconditional** or **conditional**.

God is Love. 1 John 4:8 and 1 John 4:16 KJV.

But God is more than the one facet called Love.

Does God love unconditionally?

Now, I say this carefully, so please listen carefully and catch my spirit on this: **God's love is eternal, it is everlasting, it is wonderful . . . but,**

- [1] Matthew 24:46-51
- [2] Romans 5:1
- [3] Romans 8:28.
- [4] John 14:21.
- [5] James 4:8.
- [6] Revelation 2:10.

Yes! God loves but that doesn't mean you are saved and going to heaven. Entry to Heaven has conditions attached to the ticket.

The Bible tells us that God **hates** the wicked (Psalm 11:5).

Wesley says of this verse: "**He chastens even righteous persons, yet still he loves them, and therefore will in due time deliver them. But as for the wicked, God hates them, and will severely punish them.**"

2 Thess 1:8,9.
1 Thess 5:9

Whilst God always remains Love, yet God does not unconditionally love everybody in the sense that everybody will go to heaven.

God Is Love: If you fully understand that statements then you realise that it affirms that True Love is not an emotion – Love - real love - is GOD!

John 15:10

I am suggesting to us all that we should not go through life thinking, “**God loves us – everything will be okay, it doesn’t matter what I do, God has to forgive me.**”

It starts with God! It doesn’t start with how you or I feel God should be like; it doesn’t start with our humanistic philosophy; it doesn’t start with how we prefer it to be: It starts with God!

It all starts with the love of God. Jeremiah 31:3

Romans 8:38-39

This is speaking to the **saved** believers. Note the conditions:

if _____

if _____

if _____

if Acts 2:42

Both conditional love or unconditional love are humanistic psychological terms and not actually found in the **Bible**.

God’s love, as revealed in the Bible, is:

[1] *eternal* (**Psalm 136**),

[2] *perfect* (**1 John 4:16-18**),

[3] *unfailing* (**Psalm 33:5**, 143:8, **Exodus 15:13**), and

[4] *infinite* (**Ephesians 3:16-19**).

There are **four Greek words for love**:

eros (intimate love),

storge (family love),

philia (friendship, brotherly love), and

agape (unconditional love). The word *agape* is used to represent divine love; it is the greatest gift from God to all mankind (**1 Corinthians 13** and **John 3:16**).

- **John 14:23**
- **John 3:18**
- **Exodus 19:5**
- **Deuteronomy 11:26-28**
- **Proverbs 6:16-19**

John 3:36, Matthew 6:14-15, Romans 1:18, Psalm 5:5

Conditional and Unconditional Love

God’s Unconditional Love

1 John 4:8, Deuteronomy 7:9 hence there is never a moment when God does not love.

Everything God does is done out of love; even God’s anger is a holy expression of His love **Psalm 30:5, Micah 7:18**

Matthew 5:45

Romans 8:31-32

Jeremiah 29:11

John 1:12

Psalm 103:13

God’s Unfailing Love Examples in the Bible

Jeremiah 31:3

Psalm 103:10-12

Romans 5:8, 2 Corinthians 8:9, Ephesians 2:4-5).

Romans 8:38-39

Why Does This Matter for Christians Today?

Hebrews 12:6-10

1 Corinthians 13:4-7s (1 John 4:19).

1 John 3:16, 4:7-9

Loving unconditionally starts with living unselfishly; it is a life fully dedicated to Christ (**Galatians 2:20**) who enables us to truly love God and each other (**1 Peter 4:8**).

How does God demonstrate His love for us? Why does God love us?

Do we deserve His love? No! Romans 5:8 John 3:16, John 14:3)

There are limitless expressions of God’s perfect, love for us. Col 1:16

John 1:3 Col 1:17 1 Peter 1:5 2 Timothy 1:12 John 3:16 1 Peter 1:8-9).

God reveals His love;

- **through salvation.** Ephesians 2:8-9
- **through the calling/gifts He gives.** Eph.2:10; 1 Cor.12:7
- **by making believers part of God’s family.** 1 John 3:1
- **by preparing an eternal home with Him.** John 14:2-3

Song of Sol.8:7 kjv **Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it:**

The Biblical description of God’s love: Psalm 136 1 John 4:16-18 Psalm 33:5 Psalm 143:8

Exodus 15:13 Ephesians 3:16-19 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 John 3:16

The conditionality of God’s love: John 14:23 John 3:18 John 3:36 Matthew 6:14-15 Romans 1:18 Exodus 19:5 Deuteronomy 11:26-28 Psalm 5:5 Proverbs 6:16-19

God’s unconditional love: 1 John 4:8 Deuteronomy 7:9 Psalm 30:5 Micah 7:18 Matthew 5:45 Romans 8:31-32 Jeremiah 29:11 John 1:12 Psalm 103:13

God’s unfailing love examples in the Bible: Jeremiah 31:3 Psalm 103:10-12 Romans 5:8 2 Corinthians 8:9 Ephesians 2:4-5 Romans 8:38-39

Christians Response to God’s Love: Hebrews 12:6-10 1 John 4:19 1 John 3:16 1 John 4:7-9 Galatians 2:20 1 Peter 4:8