

God  
loves  
us.

The Name Above All 1

God loves us

before

we are  
aware of it.

God loves us

and wants  
us to accept  
that love as

a gift.

God loves us

and wants us  
to make

love  
our  
home.

God loves us

as human beings—  
not as

puppets.

God gives us

freedom to **choose:**

freedom to choose  
to be in

relationship  
with  
→ God—

or not!

With our

**free will**

we can

**choose**

to say and do those things that bring us

**closer to God**

or to say and do those things that

**separate us**

from

→ God.

(That's sin!)

When we try to make **ourselves—**  
and not **God—**  
the  
**center**  
of our lives,

that's **sin.**

When we make something else  
(wealth, power, even football—  
anything but God!)  
the center of our lives,

that's **sin.**

We're worshipping a false god.

Without  
**God**  
at the  
**center**  
of our lives,

we live as if we have a disease (sin),  
which has lots of symptoms (sins)—

prejudice, hatred, **lack of caring,**

lack of kindness, cruelty, **violence,**

greed, wastefulness, **arrogance,**

**being judgmental.** The list goes on ...

Unfortunately,  
we're

better  
at  
sinning—

than not.

Still **God loves us.**

So God came to be **among us.**

To show us **how to live,**

God sent **Jesus,** God's **own Son,**

to live among us.

That's called the

Incarnation—

God

“made flesh.”

But

God

loves

us

still

**more.**

The way of **sin** is  
easy, oh **SO easy...**

It draws us like a magnet and holds us.

But

→ God

is more

**powerful!**

God—  
through God's Son,

Jesus—

paid

upon

the

cross

the ultimate price of sin:

**death.**

But three days later

Jesus showed who had the  
ultimate power—  
**God!**

The

**Resurrection**

is God's way of saying,

"I love you so much,  
I will pay the debt  
of your sin."

Paying  
that  
debt

is called the

**Atonement.**

Jesus made it possible to be

at-one with God ←-----  
again.

**That's  
God's  
grace!**

We don't deserve it.

We can't earn it.

We can only

accept it

and live it-  
every day!

Jesus Christ  
is our  
Savior.

Through his death and resurrection,  
he paid the penalty  
for our sin.

We need to confess our sinfulness  
and accept the gift of salvation  
with

thankful hearts.

Jesus Christ  
is our  
example and  
teacher.

When we accept Jesus as our Savior,  
we live knowing that we are loved,  
which creates in us a desire

to love in return—  
to love God,  
to love others.

Jesus showed us the  
way to love.

The more we know of  
Jesus' way,  
the more we know

the way  
of **love**—  
the perfect way.

As people who have been

forgiven our sin,

redeemed from its power,  
we are going on to perfection—

choosing  
every day

to be closer to

**God's perfect love.**

That's  
salvation, ←-----  
the gift of Jesus Christ—

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ALL!