

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." - 1 Cor 15:58

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"The Object Of God's Love"

What does God want with man?

- Does God desire our riches? No! Our riches already belong to Him (*Psalms 24:1*).
- Does God desire the world we live in? No! He made it. He is the Creator of this entire universe (*Genesis 1-2*).
- Does God desire our power? No, for He Himself is our power & our strength (*2 Samuel 22:32-33*).

If not any of these things, then what is the object of God's love? Listen to your Bible! In *John 3:16*, the Bible reads, "***For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.***" The object of God's love is not what we possess, but rather it is us. God wants us, for we are the object of His love. So, why are we the object of His love? What does God want with us?

God Wants Us That He Might Bring Us To Christ

The Law was given for this purpose (*Galatians 3:24*). We must consider the need for salvation.

- *Romans 3:23* teaches we have all sinned & fallen short of God's glory.
- *Romans 3:10* teaches none of us are righteous.
- *Isaiah 53:6* teaches we are like sheep gone astray; we have turned to our own way & not God's way.

However, isn't it good to know that salvation has been provided by God for us?

- He sent Jesus to die for us (*Romans 5:8*).
- He saves by His grace through faith (*Ephesians 2:8-9*).
- He also healed us spiritually by the stripes of our Lord (*1 Peter 2:24*).

God Wants Us That He Might Lead Us In A Gloriously Happy Life (John 10:10)

God wants us to have a full & complete life. God wants to prepare us for the life to come.

As we view our purpose in this vast & infinite universe, we must consider 5 things:

- 1) God wants us.
- 2) Our greatest need on this time-side of life is salvation.
- 3) Salvation is complete only in Christ Jesus.
- 4) We are all invited to receive Him by humble obedience to the gospel.
- 5) If we will simply submit to His will, then we can live a happy, victorious life in Him...Beginning Now!

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