

*"I have loved you," says the Lord. (Mal. 1:2)*

*The greatest truth of all time is that the Creator of the all things, the King of Kings, the One who will Judge the living and the dead; loves us. God doesn't love us because we're good enough. He doesn't love us because we impress him. He doesn't love us because we have somehow earned it. He loves us because we are His creation.*

*This truth is the reason for the Gospel. The foundation of the good news is that God in Heaven loves us and has provided a way for us to be in relationship with Him. This truth is the reason for the joy in the heart of the Christian. If you take away this truth, we have no hope, no future, we have nothing.*

*"He first loved us", everything we do is a result of God's love for us. We are able to love because He first loved us. We are able to serve others because He has served us. Apart from Him we can do nothing.*

*This leads to one of the most important questions, "Do I love Him?" It is wonderful to hear the truth of God's love for us though if we don't love Him than that truth has no effect in our lives. We cannot receive God's love without loving Him. Do you love Him? Do I love Him?*

*Love, in its most simple definition is giving. Does my life show I love God? Am I giving to God?*

*"And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not." (Mat. 3:18) The Bible defines the righteous as those who serve (love) God. When you are in love with someone, nobody has to ask you if you love them, for your actions prove it. Do my actions tell the world that I'm in love with my Creator? Is my life in distinct contrast to the world?*

*Praise God, that we are loved! Thank you Lord for loving us unconditionally! Do we love God? Are we in love with Him?*