

Because God Loves Me

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- Because God loves me He is slow to lose patience with me.
- Because God loves me He takes the circumstances of my life and uses them in a constructive way for my growth.
- Because God loves me He does not treat me as an object to be possessed and manipulated.
- Because God loves me He has no need to impress me with how great and powerful He is because *He is God*, nor does He belittle me as His child in order to show me how important He is.
- Because God loves me He is for me. He wants to see me mature and develop in His love.
- Because God loves me He does not send down His wrath on every little mistake I make, of which there are many.
- Because God loves me He does not keep score of all my sins and then beat me over the head with them whenever He gets the chance.
- Because God loves me He is deeply grieved when I do not walk in the ways that please Him, because He sees this as evidence that I don't trust Him and love Him as I should.
- Because God loves me He rejoices when I experience His power and strength and stand up under the pressures of life for His Name's sake.
- Because God loves me He keeps on working patiently with me even when I feel like giving up and can't see why He doesn't give up with me, too.
- Because God loves me He keeps on trusting me when at times I don't even trust myself.
- Because God loves me He never says there is no hope for me; rather, He patiently works with me, loves me and disciplines me in such a way that it is hard for me to understand the depth of His concern for me.
- Because God loves me He never forsakes me, even though many of my friends might.
- Because God loves me He stands with me when I have reached the rock bottom of despair, when I see the real me and compare that with His righteousness, holiness, beauty, and love. It is at a moment like this that I can really believe that God loves me.
- Yes, the greatest of all gifts is God's perfect love!

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