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**HE CAUSES HIS SUN TO RISE ON THE EVIL  
AND THE GOOD, AND SENDS RAIN ON THE  
RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS.**

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**MATTHEW 5:45**

**GRACE IS NOT A COMMODITY OR SUBSTANCE. IT IS AN ACTION OF GOD, THEREFORE, IT HAS A RESULT.**

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**MATT SLICK** (CARM.ORG)

**THE LOVE OF GOD IS SEEN IN HIS  
BENEVOLENCE TO ALL MANKIND  
THROUGH HIS COMMON GRACE**

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**He (God) has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons: he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.”**

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**ACTS 14:17**

**THIS LOVE OF GOD IS SHARED  
WITH ALL OF MANKIND  
THROUGH HIS COMMON GRACE**

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# SAVING GRACE

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**COMMON GRACE**

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life . . .**

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**JOHN 3:16**

**Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.**

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**JOHN 3:18**



**“AS SURELY AS I LIVE, I TAKE NO PLEASURE IN THE DEATH OF THE WICKED, BUT RATHER THAT THEY TURN FROM THEIR WAYS AND LIVE. TURN, TURN FROM YOUR EVIL WAYS! WHY WILL YOU DIE...?”**

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**EZEKIEL 33:11**



**“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.**

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**JOHN 15:9-15**

**I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.**

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**JOHN 15:9-15**

**Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.**

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**JOHN 15:9-15**

**I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.**

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**JOHN 15:9-15**



**“JESUS TAUGHT: ‘DO WHAT I SAY AND YOU’LL  
COME TO KNOW WHO I AM.’ WE’VE TURNED  
THAT INTO ‘BELIEVE WHO HE IS AND YOU  
DON’T HAVE TO DO WHAT HE SAID.’**

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**JOHN ORTBERG**

**The Lord Says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.**

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**ISAIAH 29:13**

**“Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you,” says the Lord Almighty, “and I will accept no offering from your hands.”**

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**MALACHI 1:10**

**THE LOVE OF GOD IS FOUND IN  
THE FULLNESS OF JOY IN  
OBEDIENCE TO HIS SON JESUS**

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**THIS LOVE OF GOD (SAVING GRACE) IS  
SHARED ONLY WITH THOSE WHO CALL  
ON HIM, WHO TRUST HIM, AND WHO  
LOVE HIM IN HIS SON JESUS**

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**“What can be more properly called love to any being or anything than to place one’s happiness in that thing, causing the good of another not to be your good?”**

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**JONATHAN EDWARDS**

**'Cause love's just a feeling,  
Don't overthink it,  
'Cause love's just a feeling,  
Some kind of emotion,  
Don't overthink it, But for the moment live slowly.**

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**LINDSEY STIRLING**





**According to the world, we love in order to be loved. According to the Word, we love because God first loved us. Whereas the world falls in love, God's people are established in love. The love that we possess, however, is not a fleeting whim that comes and goes with every mood and circumstance;**

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**Burk Parsons**

**rather, it is a love that is beyond ourselves.  
Our love, true love, has meaning, meaning that  
cannot be stripped away by any thing, any one,  
or any feeling. Our love cannot be shaken  
because it is grounded not in self but in  
sacrifice.**

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**Burk Parsons**



**THE LOVE OF GOD SHOWS US  
WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE  
OUR NEIGHBORS**

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**“Jesus reversed the question the expert in religious law asked (who is my neighbor?) to one of becoming a neighbor by loving. Do not think about who they are, but who you are,” was his reply.**

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**NET COMMENTARY**

**42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common.

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**45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

**ACTS 2:42-47**

**46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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**ACTS 2:42-47**

**“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.”**

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**JOHN 13:34-35**

**“Greater love has no one that this: to lay  
down one’s life for one’s friends”**

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**JOHN 15:13**

**“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.”**

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**1 JOHN 4:9**

**“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us”**

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**1 JOHN 4:11-12**

**“Because God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”**

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**1 JOHN 4:16**

**“People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them (love) anyway.**

**If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind (love) anyway.**

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**If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed (love) anyway.**

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere (love) anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create (love) anyway.

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If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy (love) anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good (love) anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give the world your best (love) anyway.

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In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

– Mother Teresa

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