

Signals of God's Love for You

Scripture: 1 John 3:1

Introduction

Throughout human history God has sent us some signals to let us know how very much He loves us. Here are a few of the most significant signals of His love for you.

I. The incarnation and birth of Jesus Christ

Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV) "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

- A. Conceived by a virgin
- B. God in the flesh
- C. God with us - Immanuel

II. The death of Jesus Christ on Calvary

John 3:16 (NKJV) "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- A. The cross is the greatest manifestation of God's love
- B. The cross made it possible for us to possess God's nature
2 Peter 1:4 (NKJV) by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- C. The cross made it possible for us to fellowship with God

III. The gift of the Holy Spirit

John 14:16 (NKJV) "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever;

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NKJV) In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

- A. The helper - the paraclete
- B. The One who empowers us
- C. The One who equips us

IV. The promise of Christ's return

John 14:1-3 (NKJV) "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also

in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

- A. Since he fulfilled the first three, we can be confident he will return
- B. He will return for those who expect Him
Hebrews 9:28 (NKJV) so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.
- C. His return is imminent