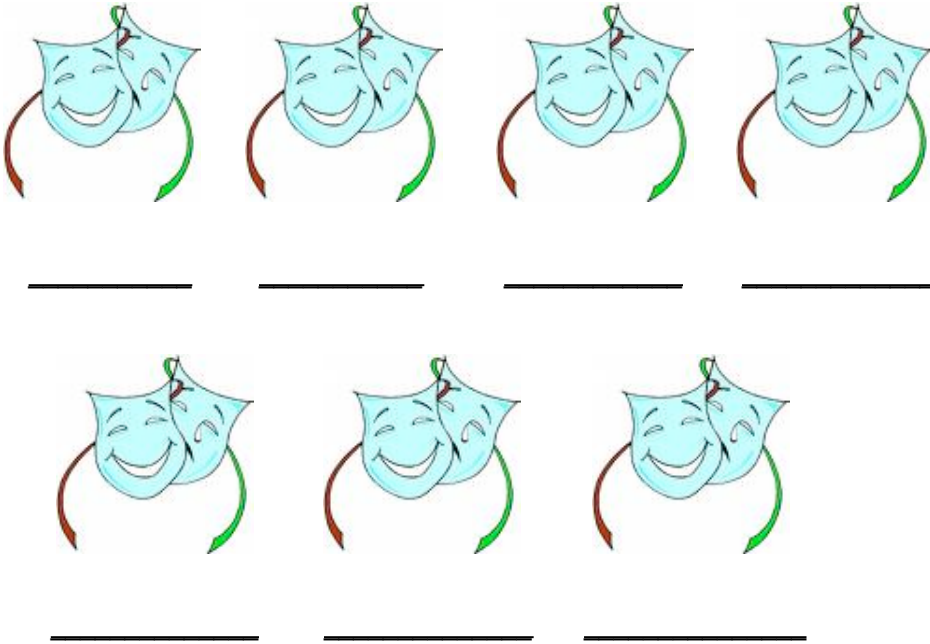


Does God's love have my name on it?

Jeremiah 31:3 (NASB) "The LORD appeared to him from afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness."



Psalms 23:1 (NASB) "The LORD (Jehovah Roi) is my shepherd, I shall not want."

John 10:11 (YLT) "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd is willing to die for the sheep."

I can have no wants because GOD KNOWS ME AND HE STILL LOVES ME.

John 10:14 (NLT) "I am the good shepherd and I know My own sheep and they know me."

1 Peter 5 (LB) "He is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you."

First: I have no wants because God PROVIDES for me.

Psalms 23:1-3 (NASB) "The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

Matthew 6:33 (NLT) "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Second: I have no wants because God GUIDES me.

John 16:13-15 (MSG) "But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. He won't draw attention to himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. He will honor me; he will take from me and deliver it to you. Everything the Father has is also mine. That is why I've said, 'He takes from me and delivers to you.'"

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Third: I have no wants because God PROTECTS Me.

Psalm 23 (NASB) "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."

Romans 8:30-31 (MSG) After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun. So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God be for you who can be against you?"

How do you respond to this kind of love?

1. You RECEIVE God's love.

Romans 5:8 (NLT) "But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."

Ephesians 1:7 (MSG) "Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free!"

John 1:12 (NLT) "But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave them the right to become children of God."

2. REFILL yourself with God's love.

Ephesians 5:16-17 (NASB) "So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,"

3. REFLECT God's love to others.

John 13:34-35 (NASB) "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 20:21 (NASB) "So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Application:

How would you define God's love in your life?

Inspirational Transformational

Are you wearing any "love masks"? Identify them by name.

Ask God to give you the strength to lay down the "love mask" you've been wearing and put on His love.

What needs do you have that you are not trusting God to meet?

How are demonstrating God's great love to others?

Identify one person you need to pass the baton of God's love to this week.

What will you do this week to adjust your life to the transformational truth about God's love?

Take time this week to rest in Jehovah Roi.

Memory Verse: Psalm 40:11 (Phillips) "My only hope is your love for my problems are too big for me to solve and are piled over my head."