

God's Love
Amazing – Part 4
1 Peter 2:24, John 3:16
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"And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree." Acts 10:39 (NKJV)

"Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb." Act 13:29 (NKJV)

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.'" Galatians 3:13 (NKJV)

"Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed." 1 Peter 2:24 (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." John 3:16 (NKJV)

God's Christmas Tree Stands as a Vivid Reminder That...

1. GOD'S LOVE IS UNIVERSAL.

"For God so loved the world..." John 3:16a (NKJV)

"We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in His love. God is love..." 1John 4:16a (NLT)

2. GOD'S LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL.

"...that He gave His only begotten Son..." John 3:16b(NKJV)

"Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree..." 1 Peter 2:24a (NKJV)

Through the cross God...

➤ **Justified you.**

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." Romans 5:8-9 (NKJV)

➤ **Redeemed you.**

"But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness." Romans 6:17-18 (NKJV)

➤ **Forgave you.**

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV)

➤ **Reconciled you.**

"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV)

➤ **Adopted you.**

"God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure." Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John 3:16 (NKJV)

3. GOD'S LOVE IS AVAILABLE.

"...that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16c (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 1:6-10 (NLT)