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**Grace Notes Program**

**SERIES: INTIMACY with GOD**

**TITLE: RECIPROCAL LOVE**

**SONGS: TO KNOW HIM IS TO LOVE HIM  
WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS**

**If you were wondering if a particular person loved you, what would you look for? Barbara Sandbek has been sharing on the subject 'Intimacy with God' for the past few months. Today she will conclude this series as she identifies how we can truly show God we love him. So stay tuned for this timely message, and then listen for the details about a special offer at the end of the program.**

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**Welcome to Grace Notes. I hope you've enjoyed this topic.**

**Have you developed your love checklist?**

**Ok then, let's compare it to what God says about love in**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8a...**

**Love is patient, love is kind.**

**It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.**

**It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered.**

**It keeps no records of wrongs.**

**Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.**

**It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.**

**Love never fails.**

**Does this fit the description of that person you were wondering about?**

**I'm not sure it can be achieved by us humans, especially since it uses the word 'always'. That's probably because we have reciprocal brain waves; we respond in love (maybe) if there's enough incentive.**

**This must be a description of God's perfect love for us!**

**If God acted toward us based on 'law of reciprocity'**

**we'd be dead in our sins!**

**But He didn't.**

**Romans 5:8 says...**

**God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us!**

**Wow! What a LOVE!! Dear God...I love how you love me...**

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\* TO KNOW HIM IS TO LOVE HIM \* (modified by Barbara Sandbek)  
\*\*\*\*\* LENGTH: 2:26

*To know, know, know Him  
Is to love, love, love Him  
Just to see His smile  
Makes my life worthwhile  
To know, know, know Him  
Is to love, love, love Him  
And I do.*

*I'll be true to Him  
Give my heart to Him  
And I know there'll come a day  
When I'll walk alongside of Him  
To know, know, know Him  
Is to love, love, love Him  
And I do.*

*God helped me see  
Jesus died for me  
Now I believe  
Our love was meant to be – uh oh yes*

*To know, know, know Him  
Is to love, love, love Him  
Just to see His smile  
Makes my life worthwhile  
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Is to love, love, love Him  
And I do.  
And I do.  
Yes I do!*

**How then can we show God we love Him? By pleasing Him.**

**Hebrews 11:6 says...**

**Without faith it is impossible to please God.  
For he that comes unto God must believe that He is,  
and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

**Jesus said in John 14:15...**

**If you love me, you will obey what I command.**

**1 John 3:23a says..**

**And this is His command:  
to BELIEVE in the Name of His Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Psalms 147:11 says...**

**The Lord delights in those who fear him,  
who put their HOPE in his unfailing love.**

**We must believe that God is out for our good - because He is.  
If He gave up His Son for you, and He did, do you think He would  
do you harm?**

**When we believe, we are called Christ's BRIDE -  
God's GIFT to His Son for His WORK on the Cross.**

**We need to act like a BRIDE.  
A bride wants to please her husband.  
We show love and please God by placing our FAITH and TRUST in Him.**

**As Believers - we are called to HOLINESS and PURITY.**

**2 Corinthians 6:17-18 says...**

**Come out from among them and be ye separate. Let us purify ourselves  
from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness  
out of REVERENCE for God.**

**Romans 12:1-2 states...**

**I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that ye present  
your bodies a living sacrifice, HOLY, acceptable unto God, which is your  
reasonable service.**

**A bride keeps herself PURE for her husband. OUR HOLINESS pleases God.**

**The only place I found in the Bible where God asked if someone loved him, is in John chapter 21.**

**The apostle Peter had denied the Lord three times.  
Have you ever been unfaithful to someone you loved?  
Imagine how he must have felt. It says, he wept bitterly.  
But Jesus sought Peter out and forgave him.  
He allowed Peter to reconfirm his allegiance to him by  
asking him three times, "Peter, do you love me?"**

**After each of Peter's affirmative responses, Jesus said...  
"Feed/take care of, my sheep, my lambs".**

**In others words...**

**We prove our love through SERVICE, first to God, in surrendering  
our bodies to Him, and then, to others by caring for them.**

**But these days, no one wants to serve anyone - much less God.**

**This is probably one of the biggest reasons for DIVORCE and broken  
relationships. We're in it for what we can get, no what we can give.**

**We need to search our hearts to find WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO?**

**God is depicted with hands, ears and eyes, though He has none.  
He wants to use our physical bodies to be His hands, His ears,  
His eyes, so others can see His GREAT LOVE.**

**God wooed me with HIS LOVE...probably you, too.  
We need to woo others to Him thru our LOVE.**

**The Song says..."They'll know we are Christians by our love"**

**Jesus said in John 13:35...All men will know that you are my  
Disciples if you love one another.**

**Philippians 2:3 says...**

**DO nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility  
consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not  
only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.**

**Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus,  
Who being in the very nature, God, did not consider equality  
with God something to be grasped, but made Himself NOTHING,  
taking on the very nature of a SERVANT, and being found in fashion  
as a man, He HUMBLLED Himself and became OBEDIENT to DEATH,  
even the death ON a CROSS.**

**True love involves serving. There's no love without a SACRIFICE.**

**We have car door openers, one for Dale and one for me. Just before Christmas last year, mine broke. If you have one of these gadgets, you know what an inconvenience it can be without it. We didn't want to spend the money for a new one then because of Christmas bills, so I did the old manual operation in the cold.**

**Christmas eve we opened presents. Dale gave me his and saved one small box for last. It didn't look impressive, but when I opened it, I was speechless. There was HIS car door opener. I will never forget that present. It didn't cost as much money as the others, but it cost him a great deal. He was willing to be inconvenienced to show his love for me.**

**What sacrifice are you willing to make..**

- for someone else's good**
- to show the love of God and LOVE SOMEONE to LIFE in Christ?**

**How do we show God we love Him?**

**Have FAITH in Christ, TRUST Him no matter what, LIVE GODLY lives,  
SURRENDER ourselves in service to HIM and to OTHERS.**

**I'd like to conclude our series now by asking the same question I began with,  
What are you willing to do to REALLY know God? – YOU GOTTA WANT IT.**

**Moses dared to ask God to SHOW him His Glory at risk of his LIFE.**

**Paul gave up an ELITE lifestyle and willingly shared in the sufferings of Christ.**

**The APOSTLES died for cause of Christ.**

**Why? Because they had a vision...and NEVER LOST IT!!!**

**They dared to BELIEVE HIS WORD and SAW HIS MAJESTY!**

**Ask God to give YOU a fresh VISION of HIMSELF - a heightened love.**

**One day we'll SEE Him as He is - we'll KNOW as we are known.**

**We'll understand His love in the PUREST way.**

**It will be INTIMACY beyond description.**

**I don't know about you, but I don't want to meet Christ as a casual acquaintance so I'll..**

- read his letters (in the Bible) like a pen-pal**
- talk to him like I do over the phone**
- and then I'll long to meet Him.**

**So let's prepare to greet Him as his bride by...**

- staying in love with our SAVIOR/REDEEMER**
- keeping ourselves PURE for Him alone**
- telling and showing others how much we love Him**
- joyfully anticipating OUR MARRIAGE CELEBRATION!!**

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**\*\* WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS \*\*\* LENGTH: 3:25**  
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**VERSE 1:**

***It's as though we see through clouded glass  
Our eyes can not see past -  
this veil of tears - our present pain  
This world can never comprehend - a love that has no end -  
a light that always will remain.***

***For there - Beyond the edge of time  
is Wisdom so Divine, The Throne of Truth, the shining way.  
And soon in Majesty He'll come - to take His people home  
And in that bright and glorious day***

**CHORUS:**

***We will see Him as He is  
The Father, God so Holy - the Truth in endless Glory  
We will see Him as He is***

***The Wisdom of the ages - the Love that died to save us  
We will see Him.***

**VERSE 2:**

***Now all creation groans - at times we feel alone  
We long to see our Father's face  
For there - the shadows disappear -  
Our eyes will then be clear -  
to see the beauty of His face in that place***

***For...(REPEAT CHORUS)***

**TAG:**

***We'll see Him - we'll see Him as He is  
We'll see Him as He is.***

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