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God's Love

1 John 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

God's love is not only amazing, it is incredibly powerful. Love like this doesn't just stand up and say I love you, it compels the God of the universe to act in love by showing us His love.

Our Father was willing to step out of Heaven's glory and put on the form of man. He was willing to send Himself as Jesus to face a world of sin. He was willing to listen to others lash out at Him. He was willing to hear people call Him a fraud. He was willing to be put down, spit upon, beaten, made a mockery of, have His beard pulled out, stripped of His clothing, whipped with the "cat of nine," forced to carry a cross and then be impaled upon it. He had his arms dislocated so the pain of trying to pull Himself up to breathe on the cross would be excruciating and pushing up on His pierced feet would be agonizing.

Why would the God of Heaven do such a thing? Because His love compelled Him to become sin for us. 2 Cor. 5:21 God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

He became our atoning sacrifice. He became sin for us. He took on all of our sin. You did it for you! He did it for me! Oh how much He loves us!

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Dear Father, thank you for not only telling me that You love me, but showing me You love me too. And even more than that, taking all my sin and shame and paying my sin debt when I never could. Thank you for loving me enough to step out of Heaven and into my life. Help me comprehend that love and begin to show that kind of love to everyone I know and meet. In Jesus Name, Amen