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### Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 34

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **pouring His love into** your heart. **Rom. 5:5**, “*And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*”

The Greek word here for **poured out** is *ekkechytai* which means to completely empty out. The picture here is significant. God didn’t look at you and say, “*I think I will dribble a little bit of love on you.*” But instead, He poured out His complete and full love into your heart. In other words, God held nothing back when He poured out His love. We have the full amount of His love. That’s why I can say without hesitation, that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you!

Just three verses later in **Rom. 5:8**, Paul tells us, “*But God demonstrates His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*” And, God didn’t just say He loves you, He proved it by His act of love on the cross. Why else would He allow the torture, agony, and separation that the cross brought to Jesus? Why would He willfully take our sins and transgressions to the cross? Why would He endure these things? To show us how much He loves us!

When I video chat with my grandchildren, I like to tell them that Papa loves them this much (as I stretch my arms out as wide as I can). Jesus demonstrated His love by stretching out His arms upon the cross and giving His life for us. And He was poured out for you and for me. Completely. Totally. Eternally.

Now Paul says, *hope does not put us to shame*. In other words the love of God has been proven through His actions of love. He didn’t just say it, He proved it. Sometimes we might easily say *I love you*. But God proved it. Let’s not use empty words, but let our actions speak of our love for the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us hold His banner high. Let us not be ashamed. Paul had exhorted them earlier in **Rom. 1:16**, “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.*”

**Dear Father, thank You for pouring out Your love upon us. Thank You for not holding back. Thank You for Your gift of love; of salvation; of eternal life with You. In Jesus Name, Amen**