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## Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 92

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

God proves His love to you by **His increasing love**. **1 Thes. 3:12** “*May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you*”

The Greek word for *increasing* is **pleonazo** which means to super-abound or rise up to the brim. It is like a small amount of yeast causes dough to expand greatly. It is like the carbonated drink poured into a glass that fizzes up to the top swiftly. It also means abounding or more than you could ever think or imagine.

The same thought is used by Paul when he writes to the believers in Corinth in **2 Cor. 9:8** “*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;*”

God doesn't give us the bare minimum. He doesn't scrimp on anything that He does. He gives us the full measure of His love and it just continues to grow and grow in us and through us as well. The love that we need to be showing towards others can only be fueled by the fire of God in us. As it rises up like a fragrant offering, it begins to also reach out and affect those around us. Paul uses this picture again in **2 Tim. 1:6a** “*For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God.*”

It reminds me of the old song we used when I was a teenager (showing my age here).

### ***Pass It On***

*It only takes a spark*

*To get a fire going*

*And soon all those around*

*Will warm up to its glowing*

*That's how it is with God's love*

*Once you've experienced it*

*You spread His love to everyone*

*You want to pass it on – Copied*

**Dear Father, please make Your love increase and overflow in us and through us so that others will see and experience Your great love for them. Help us to truly pass it on LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen**