

Are we loved?

God has total control of his creation. Right? Yet the Bible says he loves us. How can this be?

For a love relationship to be healthy there must be loss of independence. One person cannot have all the say. Each partner must 'give and take'.

So how can God possibly have a love relationship with us? Surely any interaction with him will be “one way” – his way. He's the boss. He makes no concessions.

Is that what we think? Then how wrong we are! God has made huge adjustments on our behalf.

First, in the Person of Jesus, he became flesh and dwelt among us! John 1.14. What condescension! What amazing humility.

Second, he was even willing to become our servant! Jesus said, “I am among you as the one who serves.” Luke 22.27. Where is there a God like him?

Third, when under threat, Jesus said, “Do you think that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he will provide me with more than twelve legions of angels?” Matthew 26.53.

That's twelve armies of angels!

Instead – driven by love – he limited himself by accepting suffering and death for us.

Nowhere else has the world ever seen love like that.

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He “loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.”

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