

# Telling God You Love Him

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**LOVE**  
THE HEART OF GOD'S PLAN

[The LORD says] "...you are precious to me. You are honored, and I love you." *Isaiah 43:4b* (NLT)

"...as a **bridegroom** rejoices over his **bride**, so will your God rejoice over you." *Isaiah 62:5b* (NIV)

"I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation... as a **bride** adorns herself with her jewels." *Isaiah 61:10*

## 4 Ways to Tell God I Love Him

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ to Him

"But I trust in your unfailing **love**; my heart rejoices in your salvation. **I will sing to the LORD**, for he has been good to me." *Psalms 13:5-6*

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. **Sing and make music in your heart** to the Lord." *Ephesians 5:19*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ to Him

"**Give thanks** to the LORD, for he is good; his **love** endures forever." *Psalms 107:1* (Commanded 7 times!)

**QUESTION:** Have I thanked God for His love for me today?

**QUESTION:** Have I told God I love Him today?

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ to Him

"Within your temple, O God, **we meditate on your unfailing love**." *Psalms 48:9*

"Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and **consider the great love of the LORD**." *Psalms 107:43* (See *Philippians 4:8*)

**QUESTION:** Have I listened to God tell me He loves me today?

### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ to Him

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, **you did for me**." *Matthew 25:40* (See *1 John 3:17*)

"**This is love for God:** to obey his commands." *1 John 5:3a* (2,000 times in Scripture God says to help the poor!)

**QUESTION:** Do I give to the "least of these" as if I were giving to Jesus?

"Come, let us bow down in **worship**, let us kneel before the LORD our maker; for **he is our God** and **we are the people** of his pasture, the flock under his care." *Psalms 95:6-7*

# A Night of Worship

Wednesday, November 5th

6:45pm in the Auditorium

FREE!

PLUS: Dinner starting at 5:15 pm (Just \$5 adults, \$3 kids, \$13 family)

## Keith and Kristyn Getty



Irish composers and artists Keith & Kristyn Getty write hymns for the next generation like the well-loved "In Christ Alone". Keith has orchestrated and arranged more than 200 projects for recordings, concerts, theater, television and film, including arrangements for Michael W. Smith and the internationally renowned African Children's Choir. An acclaimed soloist, Kristyn began singing in her family's church in Northern Ireland.

## Justin Fox

Justin gives over 130 concerts a year all across the world. Justin has released nine CDs and concert DVD, plus hundreds of original worship songs!



**NOTE:** Due to cancellation of the Mount Hermon "Choir in Modern Worship" conference, Don Moen and Carol Cymbala, originally scheduled to appear, will not be able to attend.

### LOVE PROJECTS



1. Bring food for Second Harvest. Let's break last year's record! **Bring in food now through November 9**
2. Have your small group apply for a LOVE grant: **Apply online at [www.tllove.com](http://www.tllove.com)**
3. Do weekly acts of kindness and leave a LOVE calling card.
4. Write someone a "LOVE" card.

# LOVE Verses

## Preview Weekend: What Matters Most

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" *Matthew 22:37-39* (NIV)

## Week 1: God's Love for You

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him." *1 John 4:16*

## Week 2: Love is Patient

"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 record of wrongs." *1 Corinthians 13:4-5*

## Week 3: Love is Kind

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." *John 13:34-35*

## Week 4: Love is Secure

"Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long..." *Deuteronomy 33:12b*

## Week 5: Love Forgives

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." *1 Peter 4:8*

## Week 6: Telling God You Love Him

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." *Romans 8:38-39*

## Week 7: What Matters Most

"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." *1 Corinthians 13:6-8a*



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