

## Why Do You Love God?

*We love Him because He first loved us.—I John 4:19*

When asked the question, “Why do you love God? You might respond in different ways all of which are legitimate answers to the question. Perhaps you will respond, “Because He died for me.”

His death on the cross was an outward expression of His feelings for you. He loves you. As you picture the cross, the crown of thorns, and the nails, you are reminded of the love that endured those torments for you. When you think of His forgiveness and compassion, His mercy and grace, His daily provision and care, you are reminded of the expressions of His love.

The writer of a Latin hymn states:

*Then why, O blessed Jesus Christ should I           not love Thee well:  
Not for the hope of winning Heaven, nor  
    escaping Hell.  
Not with the hope of gaining aught, nor  
    seeking a reward,  
But as Thyself hast loved me, O everlasting        Lord!*

We love God not because of any one thing that He has done, but we love Him because He loved us with enormous love, love beyond anything we can imagine.