

Be Successful In Your Ministry 2024
Metropolitan Baptist Church
Weekly Bible Study
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Study Text: The Bible
Study Subject: How Can I Be Sure That I Am Loved By God
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Psalm 119:97

Open It

A couple at the crescendo of their wedding ceremony solemnly utter:

“I love you, and before God and those gathered here today, I take you to be my . . .”

A parent tucks their child into bed at night and gently whispers:

“I love you, time to go to sleep . . .”

A friend wraps up their speech for someone’s milestone birthday celebration:

“All in all, I just want to say I love you and value our friendship so much . . .”

Perhaps you can resonate with one or more of these encounters. You might have been on the receiving end of words like these. Maybe you were the one articulating those powerful and suggestive “I love you”.

How we perceive and receive such professions of love goes well beyond those moments, and depends on a few key factors—*experience, understanding, and trust*.

How we perceive love does not just apply to our relationships with other people, it also affects our relationship with God. One of the profound tenets of faith is that God is a God of love. He describes Himself as “abounding in love” ([Exodus 34:6b](#) NLT), and this characteristic is referred to again and again by the biblical authors (e.g. [Psalm 86:15](#) NLT).

Explore It

I. How Can I Know?

- a. The word of God is my identifier. In other words _____ your bible.
- b. **Read John 3:16.** What does this passage teach us about our **assurance** of God’s love for humility? _____
- c. **Read John 15:12-16.** This passage gives us _____ that the children of God is **loved**.
- d. How do you define love? _____
- e. **Read John 11: 3-27.** How was **love** view in this passage by Jesus and the sisters? _____
