



Is God Fun?

Jesus Is Fun and Heaven Is Fun!

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FUN: enjoyment, light-hearted pleasure, playfulness, good humor, amusing
JOY: a feeling of great pleasure and happiness
Love is the point of it all! God is Love!

1 John 4 ⁸ The one who doesn't love has yet to know God, for **God is love.** ⁹ The light of God's love shined within us when he sent his matchless Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ **This is love: He loved us long before we loved him. It was his love, not ours. He proved it by sending his Son to be the pleasing sacrificial offering to take away our sins.** ¹¹ Delightfully loved ones, if he loved us with such tremendous love, then "loving one another" should be our way of life! TPT

1 Corinthians 13 ¹ If I were to speak with eloquence in earth's many languages, and in the heavenly tongues of angels, yet I didn't express myself with love, my words would be reduced to the hollow sound of nothing more than a clanging cymbal. ² And if I were to have *the gift of prophecy* with a profound understanding of God's hidden secrets, and if I possessed unending supernatural knowledge, and if I had the greatest gift of faith that could move mountains, but have never learned to love, then I am nothing. ³ And if I were to be so generous as to give away everything I owned to feed the poor, and to offer my body to be burned *as a martyr*, **without the pure motive of love, I would gain nothing of value.** ⁴ Love is *large and* incredibly patient. Love is gentle and consistently kind to all. It refuses to be *jealous when blessing comes to someone else*. Love does not brag about one's achievements nor inflate its own importance. ⁵ Love does not traffic in shame and disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honor. Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offense. ⁶ Love joyfully celebrates honesty and finds no delight in what is wrong. ⁷ Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up. ⁸ Love never stops loving. It extends beyond the gift of prophecy, which eventually fades away. It is more enduring than tongues, which will one day fall silent. Love remains long after *words of knowledge* are forgotten. ⁹ Our present knowledge and our prophecies are but partial, ¹⁰ but when love's perfection arrives, the partial will fade away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke about childish matters, for I saw things like a child and reasoned like a child. But the day came when I matured, and I set aside my childish ways. ¹² For now we see but a faint reflection of riddles and mysteries as though reflected in a mirror, but one day we will see face-to-face. My understanding is incomplete now, but one day I will understand everything, just as everything about me has been fully understood. ¹³ **Until then, there are three things that remain: faith, hope, and love—yet love surpasses them all. So above all else, let love be the beautiful prize for which you run.** TPT

Matthew 22 ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ Jesus answered him, " '**Love the Lord your God with every passion of your heart, with all the energy of your being, and with every thought that is within you.**' ³⁸ This is the great and supreme commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it in importance: 'You must love your friend in the same way you love yourself.' ⁴⁰ **Contained within these commandments to love you will find all the meaning of the Law and the Prophets.**" TPT

1 Corinthians 2 ⁹ That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." NLT

What did you do with your life?

Luke 12 ² The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. ³ Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear! NLT

Live now for what really matters.

Philippians 1 ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ [He is my source of joy, my reason to live] and to die is gain [for I will be with Him in eternity]. ²² If, however, it is to be life here *and* I am to go on living, this *will mean* useful *and* productive service for me; so I do not know which to choose [if I am given that choice]. ²³ But I am hard-pressed between the two. I have the desire to leave [this world] and be with Christ, for that is far, far better; ²⁴ yet to remain in my body is more necessary *and* essential for your sake. AMP

John 14 ¹ “Do not let your heart be troubled (afraid, cowardly). Believe [confidently] in God *and* trust in Him, [have faith, hold on to it, rely on it, keep going and] believe also in Me. ² In My Father’s house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and I will take you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And [to the place] where I am going, you know the way.” ⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going; so how can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the [only] Way [to God] and the [real] Truth and the [real] Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. AMP

2 Corinthians 5 ⁵ Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶ So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. NKJV

...I went through this dark, black vacuum at super speed. You could compare it to a tunnel.... I saw a bright light, and on my way there I heard beautiful music and I saw colors I’d never seen before. [The light] was of a kind that I’d never seen before and that differs from any other kind such as sunlight. It was white and extremely bright, and yet you could easily look at it. It’s the pinnacle of everything there is. Of energy, of love especially, of warmth, of beauty. I was immersed in a feeling of total love.

...From the moment the light spoke to me, I felt really good – secure and loved. The love which came from it is just unimaginable, indescribable. It was a fun person to be with! And it had a sense of humor, too – definitely! I never wanted to leave the presence of this being.

...The prophets write, “The LORD searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you” (1 Chronicles 28:9). Every single person who encounters this Being of Light, no matter what they call him, knows that he’s a person who knows every secret about them and yet loves them more than they ever imagined.

...Yahweh reveals himself as a Father who longs for loving children, the Angel of his Presence who is their Savior, and the Holy Spirit who can feel grief. God is emotionally involved with us because we were created in his image – and he is personal. Though God is infinite, omniscient, and powerful beyond our comprehension, he’s also personally involved with every person he created.

...the Being as warm and oddly personal, although not speaking in the form of earthly language as we know it. The Being possessed human qualities, though in infinitely greater measure. “It knew me deeply and overflowed with qualities that...I’ve always associated with human beings, and human beings alone: warmth, compassion, pathos...even irony and humor.”