

God's Obsession With Us

"But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (English Standard Version)

2 Timothy 4:10 - Demas was _____ by the _____.

God's Amazing Obsession With Israel

A. Most of the Old Testament focuses on God's relationships with _____. Why was this?

B. Evidences of God's obsession with Israel:

1. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 - God _____ Israel to be a people for His _____ possession because of His _____.
2. Jeremiah 31 - Did God still love these people?
 - a. 31:1-3 - "I have _____ you with an _____ love."
 - b. 31:9 - "I am a _____ to Israel", my _____.
 - c. 31:13b - "I will turn their _____ into _____."
 - d. 31:20 - Ephraim (i.e. _____) was God's _____ child; His heart _____ for him.
3. Malachi 1:2 - God could still say, "I have _____ you."
4. Romans 11:28 - Israel is still _____ for the sake of their _____.

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A. An emphasis on God's love for us:

1. John 3:16,17 - The gift of _____ shows how much God _____ the world.
2. Romans 5:6-8 - God _____ His love for _____ through the _____ of Jesus.
3. 1 John 4:16,18-19 - We must come to _____ and _____ the love God has for us.
4. Luke 15:20 - Even when we turn our _____ on God, He is _____ to receive us back.
5. Judah Smith: "Jesus _____ for us at the chance - at the mere _____ - that we would _____ Him."

B. Revelation 3:20 - Though these Christians were _____ in their faith, Christ still _____ at their _____.

Francis Thompson called the searching love of God the _____ of _____. He pursues us!

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