

God is Love and Jesus is that Love!

♥ God is Love and Knows Our Afflictions

1 John 4:8 & 16

8. He that loves not knows not God; for **God is love**.

16. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. **God is love**; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.

- God isn't a distant false god like Zeus, sitting detached on a mountain. He is not indifferent to our pain. Because **God is love**, He chose to draw close to us. He stepped into our world, took on flesh, and intimately feels and knows every single one of our afflictions.

🐑 The Good Shepherd vs. The Hired Hand

John 10:11-15 (KJV)

11. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees: and the wolf catches them, and scatters the sheep. The hireling flees, because he is an hireling, and cares not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knows me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

🛡️ God's Protection and Presence in the Trial

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with you; He will not fail you, nor forsake you."

Isaiah 41:10

"Fear thou not; for I am with you: be not dismayed; for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yea, I will help you; yea, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness."

Hebrews 13:5-6

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

1 Peter 5:7-8

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour:"