

How Have You Loved Us?

A Dialogue with God #1 – Pastor Gary Combs – 2/8/15 - Malachi 1:1-5

Malachi 1:1-5 (ESV) ¹The oracle of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi. ²"I have loved you," says the Lord. But you say, "How have you loved us?" "Is not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the Lord. "Yet I have loved Jacob ³but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert." ⁴If Edom says, "We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins," the Lord of hosts says, "They may build, but I will tear down, and they will be called 'the wicked country,' and 'the people with whom the Lord is angry forever.'"^f ⁵Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, "Great is the Lord beyond the border of Israel!"

HOW HAS GOD LOVED US?

1. With _____ love.

What has God here revealed about His Divine love?

• It's a _____ love.

Exodus 33:19 (ESV) ...For I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose.

• It's _____ love.

Romans 5:8N (NKJV) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

• It's a _____ love.

John 10:14 (ESV) I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me

. With a _____ love.

• God's _____ love.

• God's _____ love.

• God's " _____ " love.

John 3:16 (KJV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

3. With a _____ love

Ephesians 2:4-5 (ESV) But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

John 15:12-13 (ESV) "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.