

God Lives In Us

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Jeremiah 31:3; 1 John 4: 7-12 NIV

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

“No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.” 1 John 4:12 NIV

When I close my eyes, I see myself being held closely to a warm full bosom. My ear is pressed against my dear grandmother’s heart and I hear the life-sustaining rhythmic beating. She speaks softly, but the words don’t matter. I smell her sweet subtle perfume reminding me of lilies-of-the-valley. I look up at her time-worn face, loving each wrinkle and lash framing her soft grey-blue eyes. I was so loved. It was a perfect moment – now gone, but permanently etched in my soul.

Could we understand God’s unconditional love for us if we had never known the love of another human being? How blessed to know that for no merit or deed of our own, we received that kind of love from a parent, grandparent, or special caregiver. And if we had the misfortune to not know that touch as a child, we can be assured that our Jesus loves us unconditionally and we can bask in that love eternally.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Thank you for first loving us and in spite of our many failings, loving us unconditionally. Help us to love others, even those difficult to love. In his precious name, Amen.