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It was in 1981; I was in a season of a spiritual wilderness. After seven years of being in Christ, I was frustrated feeling there was something wrong or missing or incomplete or ... well, I just didn't know what. And I asked the Lord, *"What's wrong with me?"* Immediately (There was no audible voice, but there was clear spiritual hearing.) He said, *"You don't really believe I love you."*

I was stunned. I did not know how to respond. I didn't understand how that could be. I just didn't know what to think about it. But it was so clear, I knew it was not just my imagination. It was God's voice, but I didn't know what to do about it. I just continued in my life and the ministry the Lord had given me in a local church.

Long story short: Three years later, in 1984, the Lord sent us out into an itinerant teaching ministry in South Africa, with excursions into a few other countries, as well as various states back in America. After thirteen years, we returned to live the States where I proceeded in various ministries in various places. It's now been thirty years to date.

Recently, I was reminded by the Holy Spirit of what He said those many years ago. I've laid myself bare before the Lord asking Him to give me some sense of breakthrough. And I've come to some realizations:

God loved me enough to create me. He wanted me to exist and to be here for His purposes.

God loved me enough to bear with me when I was lost in spiritual death and darkness. For twenty-eight years, He was faithfully with me, drawing me to Himself “with human cords” (Hosea 11:4).

The Lord Jesus loved me enough to be crucified for the forgiveness of my sin - laying down His life for the redemption of my soul and body.

God the Father loved me enough to regenerate my spirit, imparting the resurrection life of His Son within me.

God loved me enough to do the work of renewing my mind through His Spirit and His written words.

He loved me enough to carry on a relationship with me, revealing to me a treasure of knowledge and understanding of Himself. (Jeremiah 9:23-24)

He loved me enough to bother working on transforming me to the image of His Son.

He loved me enough to decide to give me certain spiritual gifts to serve His purposes, as well as His people.

Our Heavenly Father also loved me enough to bother to chastise me that I would shed certain sins before leaving this world to spend eternity with Him.

God loves me daily – with His presence, His words, and His continuing work in and through me.

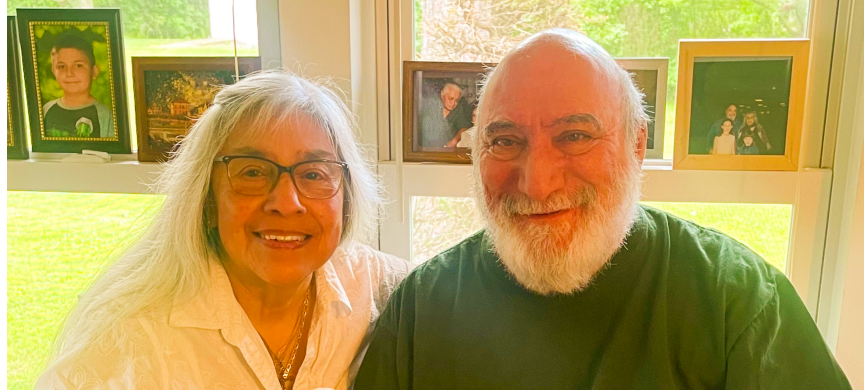
I believe God loves me.



“So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:17-19



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Bill and Frances served as missionaries in South Africa for thirteen years making disciples, establishing churches, and training church leaders. Over a span of 40 years, they also traveled extensively in an itinerant Bible teaching ministry which took them to hundreds of gatherings on four continents ministering in churches, conferences, spiritual formation seminars, and home gatherings. They have shepherded several churches, disciplined many to Christ, and mentored church leaders in the USA and abroad.

Being an avid student by nature, Bill has done both formal and informal study in various fields including Education, Music, Philosophy and Theology. As a writer, he has authored many publications which are distributed worldwide. Because of Bill's disabilities resulting from a spinal cord injury, he can no longer travel, so their ministries of writing, recording, distributing, mentoring, and correspondence are now shared primarily via the Internet... www.AtChristsTable.org

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