

Is God a Loving God? Part 2

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I Corinthians 13:5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no account of wrongs.

I John 4:9-10 ⁹This is how God's love was revealed among us: God sent His one and only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰And love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (BSB)

Intro:

I. What are the details of these verses?

- A.** God is never **rude**. God will never speak or act in a manner that is offensive, indecent, or brings dishonor to those to whom He **loves**. V. 5
- B.** God is not **self-seeking**. V. 5 God never demands his own way or His own rights. He has given us choices and they are **real** choices even though He already knows what we are going to choose.
- C.** God is not easily **angered**. V. 5 His wrath is a **last** resort and usually means merely letting us face the consequences of our actions or in the pulling back of His protection.
- D.** God does not keep a tally of our **wrongs**. V. 5 Our sins keep us from having that **vibrant** relationship that He wants with us. He wants us to deal with our sins merely because He wants the best for us.

II. Here are some applications of these truths.

- A.** Look for ways that God has already **revealed** Himself to you. We must stop looking for Him to rudely force Himself into our life.
- B.** Look for ways to **respond** to God that have no benefit to us whatsoever.
- C.** Seek him in **all** things even in times when our situation is less than desirable.
- D.** Forgive and **forget** past sins against us. This includes our own past mistakes.