

**Precious in the sight of the Lord
(Ps 116:15)**

1 I love the LORD,
He is Real! I love Him!

Why do I love Him?

because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Not just Omniscience, but Loving, Caring, Interested in me!
(Ps 103:13)

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,

God not only listens to my prayers, He grants me an audience:
(Heb 4:16)

B/c God hath Shown ME this undeserved kindness.

B/c He has condescended Himself to focus on me.

Me who is not worthy.

Me, who is the least among humanity.

therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

I am Constrained by His love: (2 Cor 5:14)

I am overwhelmed by this realization of His love for me!

I can't help but Love Him Back.

I will commit myself to be His so long as I live.

I recognize my need!

I am not "OK" without God! Illus: *More than Fire Insurance!*

3 The sorrows of death compassed me,

The Realization of my Mortality: (Gen 18:27)

and the pains of hell gat hold upon me:

The Realization of my sin is ever before me: (Rom 8:22)

I found trouble and sorrow.

Problems are not sinful, but are a part of life: (Jn 16:33)

4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

I made the choice who to turn to; God left that choice up to me.

5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

Gracious (I didn't deserve His love!)

Righteous (I deserved my fate!) And so does everyone. Rom 6:23

Merciful (BUT GOD!) Eph 2:4-6, 8-9 Rom 5:8 *But God Commeneth*

6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

Not just Once, but every time!

7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt

bountifully with thee.

Return unto thy rest - FRET NOT! – Let my faith increase!

Bountifully- Eph 3:20 above that which I can ask or think!

8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

My Soul from death - Salvation— Separation form God!

Mine eyes from tears – Separation – Dead life of regrets.

My feet from Falling – Service – Life spent in Sin, Waste, Purposeless

9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

He has the best Deal, Best Plan, Best Practice!

Illus: *You can't improve on God's Stuff!*

10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

1 Jn 5:17 I know that I know!

2 Tim 1:12 I know whom I have believed!

11 I said in my haste, All men are liars.

Living a Frustrated Life! Ps 118:8-9

12 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?

How can I pay him back?

13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

All I have is ME! All my Love, Devotion, Affection, Obedience, Obedience

14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

I will Live it!, No Matter who is watching! Or what they say or do!

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Everybody wants Eternat Life, but not Daily Death! 1 Cor 15:31

Death to Sin! Death to Self! Rom 6:11 Alive unto God

Illus: De-thrown Self and put God on the Thrown Daily!

16 O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

Truly: I Know it! I need to live it so others will know it!

17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

I will offer my Prayer. Prov 8:17

I will offer my Praise! Ps 145:21

18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

I Will MAN UP! Not just at church, but Home, Work, School & at Play!

19 In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.